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I would venture a guess that there is not a person that knows the University of Alberta in its

diversity and complexity as well as Rick Pilger. As editor of this magazine for the last 19 years, he has made it his business to learn about the academic excellence, the traditions, the history, the people, and all the unusual little-known facts about the University. This edition of *New Trail* is his last as editor.

Fortunately, we are not losing Rick, but he is moving on to develop a new portfolio in the area of alumni relations, one that is related to alumni education programs.

Soon you will begin to see opportunities welcoming you to participate in short programs and educational experiences not only on the campus but in venues in the business community in Edmonton, in Alberta, and around the world. Rick will help you connect back with the academic experience of this University. I, myself, had the good fortune to be able to experience when I attended the Banff School of Advanced Management in March 2001, where the majority of the professors were from our School of Business. What an impressive group! And so inspiring!

We will be welcoming a new editor of *New Trail*, Mr. Roland Lines. He joins the Alumni Affairs staff in mid-September and brings with him experience in editing, the printing industry, writing, a journalism degree from Kings College, and a Bachelor of Science degree from Yale University. The next edition of *New Trail* will be under his editorial guidance.

I hope that all of you will continue to give your comments and stories to *New Trail* so that we can continue the great tradition that has been established by *New Trail*, an outstanding magazine that alumni of the University of Alberta enjoy.

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■ University of Alberta food sciences
and dairy technology professor Paul
Jelen recently received the Institute of
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for the "pursuit of
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and unselfish dedica-
tion that results in
significant contributions to well-being
of the food industry, academia,
students, or the general public." Jelen
is an active member on many
international committees that foster
student exchange programs in his field.

■ David Schindler, internationally
renowned ecologist and University bio-
logical sciences professor, has been
named a fellow of the Royal Society of
London. Schindler was elected a fellow
for his leading-edge scientific research,
including his recently published
research paper examining the long-
term effects of intense agricultural
practices on fresh water. The prestigious
Royal Society of London was founded
in 1660, and Isaac Newton and Charles
Darwin were members.

■ U of A biochemistry professor Chris
Bleackley received the Robert L. Noble
Prize for his research and work toward
finding a new molecular treatment for
cancer. The Prize is awarded annually
by the NCIC, which is the research
partner of the Canadian Cancer Society,
to recognize outstanding achievements
in cancer research.

■ Janet Elliott, an associate professor
in the U of A's engineering faculty, has
recently been in the
news as the result
of two significant
professional
achievements.
She received the
Young Engineer
Achievement Award from the Canadian
Council of Professional Engineers and al-
so won a contract with the Canadian
Space Agency using microgravity to look
at interfacial fluid behaviour.

■ The University of Alberta Board
of Governors has appointed **Susan
Green**, '74 BA(RecAdmin), as vice-
president (external relations) for a
five-year term effective 1 July. Green
has been the acting vice-president
since last spring, and she joined the
U of A as associate vice-president
(external relations) in July 1999.

■ For the second year in a row, the
U of A Bookstore has won the Campus
Bookseller of the Year Award from the
Campus Booksellers Association.

■ Three U of A professors have been
added to the list of distinguished
Canadian scholars named fellows of the
Royal Society of Canada, an honour re-
cognizing significant contributions in nat-
ural and social sciences and in the
humanities. George Pemberton from at-
mospheric sciences was recognized for
his work in ichnology; Ernie Ingles, asso-
ciate vice-president (learning systems)
and chief librarian, for his contributions
as the author of four major bibliographies;
and **Ole Hindsgaul**, '90 PhD, chemistry
professor, for his pioneering research in
carbohydrate chemistry and biochemistry.

■ Another honour was recently
bestowed upon the U of A's associate
vice-president (learn-
ing systems) Ernie
Ingles. In June, he re-
ceived the Canadian
Library Association's
Outstanding Service
to Librarianship

Award, the highest honour granted by
the association.

■ Carol Cass, chair of the University's
oncology department, recently received
the 2001 Academic Women's Association
Woman of the Year Award in recognition
of her contributions to the betterment
of women in the University community
throughout the course of her career.

■ IBM Canada is providing a \$2-million
grant, consisting of hardware, software,
and a file server using the Linux open-
source operating system, to the U of A
Department of Computing Sciences.

■ **David Alton**, '82 BA, '85 MPM, '95
MBA, was recently appointed director
of the newly created MicroSystems
Technology Research Institute at the
U of A. The institute's role is to provide
support to researchers who are developing
prototype microsystem devices.

■ The University community was
saddened by the recent death of **John
Schlosser**, '88 PhD (Honorary), whose
many contributions to the University in-
cluded serving as chair of the Board of
Governors in the 1980s. The University
also noted with sorrow the passing of
Robert Charlton, University meteorology
professor; Norbert Berkowitz, professor
emeritus of mining, metallurgical and
petroleum engineering; and Kenneth B.
Newbound, former dean of science.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't farm out the land

I found your article dealing with the University Farm very ironic. While it is true that new facilities are being built, the farm recently lost a substantial portion of its remaining arable land to the South Campus Athletic Training Facility. Indeed, the Dairy Research and Technology Centre has reached its maximum size

based on the accepted animal to acreage ration. Furthermore, proposed 10 and 15-year plans envision continued greenfield construction for an expanded South Campus, thus the loss of yet more agricultural reserve land. The University Farm is a treasure many universities would love to possess. It's insidious destruction should not

be allowed to happen.

*Brent Kostyniuk, '79 BA,
Edmonton, Alberta*

From cover to cover

I have been receiving *New Trail* for a number of years now, and I make sure to take the time to read it cover to cover. I am delighted with this publication.

*Denise Leclair, '89 BCom,
Redwood City, California*

We would like to hear your comments about the magazine. Send us your letters via mail or e-mail message to the address on page 4. The letters may be edited for length or clarity.

Two thumbs up for taking the Olympic Games to Beijing

Let me start by saying I have nothing against Toronto: it's a great city and certainly a worthy venue for the Olympics, as is Paris. But for 2008, I'm glad it's Beijing's turn.

How can I say this when so many influential people have demanded the IOC not award the Games to Beijing, citing China's human rights record? Well, first of all, no one has convincingly explained the connection between human rights and the Olympic Games. The Olympics are about competition—country pitted against country, and individual athletes struggling to be the fastest, most accurate and best in the world. The weak, the sick and the losers end up with nothing, except indignant attacks from their country's media. What has this to do with the ideals of democracy and human rights?

And even if the Games were rooted in democratic and rights-based values, what possible benefit could there be for ordinary Chinese people in withholding them from Beijing? Would the Chinese government suddenly realize its errors and initiate sweeping political reforms? Would Chinese people rise up and demand freedom from their "oppression" and the introduction of multi-party democ-

racy? Of course not.

The only consequence of losing the Games would have been to reinforce a feeling among many Chinese people that Westerners are hypocritical—that they demand democracy, freedom and justice from others, but when it comes to a true democratic vote, an International Olympic Committee vote for instance, suddenly they change their tune and resort to underhanded and oppressive means to protect their own interests.

It should be common knowledge by now that since China began opening up to the world in the late 1970s, the whole country has seen immense and far-reaching changes. Not only have

peoples' overall living standards improved dramatically; they also enjoy far more freedom today than 20 years ago, despite occasional political crackdowns. Educated young people can now freely choose a job, decide which part of the country to live in, and save up to buy their own home—all unthinkable just two decades ago.

Yes, it is true China still allows only one political party to hold power, and its officials have a reputation for being outrageously corrupt. But the government's ability to interfere in peoples' everyday lives has been drastically and irreversibly curtailed. Though the changes may not be as rapid and thorough as Western

democracy advocates would like, they are highly impressive to anyone who has spent more than a few brief moments observing Chinese society.

So what can Westerners do to further these positive reforms and help improve the lives of ordinary Chinese people? Anyone with a basic understanding of human psychology will realize that merely attacking the faults of China's leaders will lead to no positive results whatsoever. What we need instead is more personal contact with Chinese people from all walks of life.

Holding the Olympics in Beijing is one excellent way to foster such interpersonal contact on a massive scale. After all, what possible disadvantage could there be in having thousands of international athletes, reporters, and sports fans mingling with Chinese people and discovering that we are actually all human beings with shared hopes, dreams and goals? Surely this will be far better than the usual round of high-level recriminations, heightened international suspicion and general bureaucratic grumpiness that would have resulted from once again denying Beijing a fair chance to host a major sports event.

*Colin Hawes
East Asian Studies*



Colin Hawes, assistant professor of East Asian Studies, in China.



bear country

Ain't no mountain high enough

University of Alberta economics student Deryl Kelly is the youngest Canadian to stand on the highest peak in the world: he reached the summit of Mount Everest on 24 May 2001.

Kelly says it was pure desire that got him up Everest. "Once you leave Base Camp, you have to leave everything behind," he says. "You go with the idea that there is no one to help you; it's just you and the mountain." He describes Camp 4—the last base before the summit—as being a whole other world. "There are lots of reminders, you walk by bodies, and sometimes you really have to fight with yourself to make it up the mountain."

Famous for its split personality (although more than 800 people have reached the summit, about 180 have died—according to *Mount Everest News*, 120 corpses remain on the mountain) Everest was calm on the day Kelly and his expedition reached the top. "People see different sides of the mountain, but I had a really good trip. It was a perfect day, blue skies, and no wind," says Kelly, who also experienced Everest's other side. A mid-May summit attempt was thwarted by poor weather, and the



Kelly showing off his green-and-gold pride at Base Camp.

expedition had to turn back. "I've walked away from more peaks than I have summited," says Kelly adding, "You have to know your limits and accept the reality of the climb."

Kelly who has been mountaineering, ice climbing, rock climbing, and ski-mountaineering for most of his life, was only six when he successfully climbed his first mountain in Alberta's Sunshine Meadows with his father, Leo. In fact, it was his father who asked Kelly about two years ago if he would like to tackle Everest. It may sound like an unusual question for a father to ask his son, but this is not the case with the Kellys. In 1999 they were the first Canadian father-and-son team to make the ascent of Alaska's Mount McKinley. (Unfortunately, Kelly's dad did not adjust well to the altitude and was not able to join in the Everest summit bid.)

Looking back at his accomplishments, Kelly says the real power of his triumph is in what he is able to teach the kids he leads in his youth adventure camps at the U of A's Campus Outdoor Centre. "The kids react to my climbing Everest," says Kelly. "I enjoy the summer camp—this is what I love to do—and if I can show them that, yes, you can do it, if you have the desire and love to climb, that is the biggest thing that Everest has given me."



Kelly standing on top of the world.

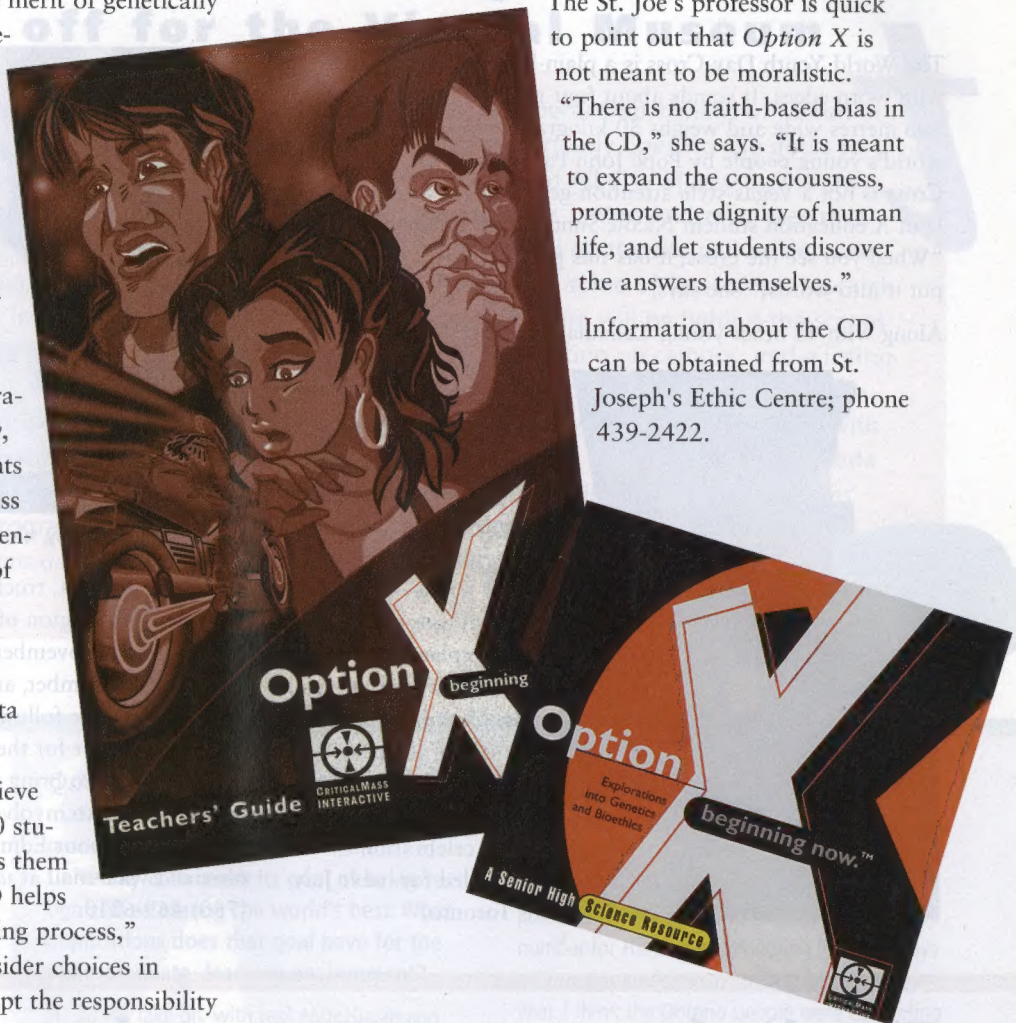
What would you do?

A question of ethics

The right to assisted suicide. The merit of genetically modified food. The appropriateness of the Human Genome Project. What would you do if you were asked to make a decision regarding any one of these hot bioethical issues?

Putting high-school students to the challenge is Rebecca Davis Mathias, a bioethics professor at St. Joseph's College, located on the University's campus. Davis Mathias was the inspiration behind *Option X: beginning now*, an interactive CD that involves students in the complex decision-making process involved with research into ethically sensitive topics. Produced with the help of Edmonton's Critical Mass, *Option X* was designed as an educational tool that provides core curriculum content required for biology students in Alberta high schools.

Through the stories of three make-believe characters, *Option X* takes Biology 30 students on a bioethical journey that puts them in charge of the end results. "The CD helps students understand the decision-making process," says Davis Mathias. "It lets them consider choices in a different light and asks them to accept the responsibility for the consequences."



The St. Joe's professor is quick to point out that *Option X* is not meant to be moralistic.

"There is no faith-based bias in the CD," she says. "It is meant to expand the consciousness, promote the dignity of human life, and let students discover the answers themselves."

Information about the CD can be obtained from St. Joseph's Ethic Centre; phone 439-2422.

Alumna adds another 3 M Teaching Award to the U of A's credit

"A teacher's job is to provide learners with a 'compass' to guide them through the messy task of learning." — Joan Loomis

Physical therapy professor Joan Loomis, '69 Dip(RehabMed), '71 BSc(PT), 83 MEd, recently received a 3M Teaching Fellowship, the most prestigious undergraduate teaching award in Canada. Loomis, associate dean of the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, is the 23rd 3M laureate at the University of Alberta, which has more 3M winners than any other Canadian university. Since joining the University on a full-time basis in 1982, Loomis has received the Rutherford Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, U of A's highest teaching award, and has been actively involved in the University's pursuit of interdisciplinary curricula. In her own faculty, Loomis has helped bridge the gaps between three different departments—Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Pathology and Audiology—a job she says has been "most rewarding."



bear country

World Youth Day Cross tours campus

The World Youth Day Cross is a plain-looking wooden cross with worn edges. It stands about four metres high, measures two metres wide and weighs 30 kilograms. Entrusted to the world's young people by Pope John Paul II in 1984, the WYD Cross is not a Vegas-style attention-getter, but according to U of A education student Nicole Smith it is a showstopper. "When you see the cross, it has this presence—you just can't put it into words," she says.

Along with 45 other young Canadian delegates, Smith spent Palm Sunday 2001 in Rome to receive the WYD Cross before several hundred thousand people in a crowded St. Peter's Square. In keeping with tradition, the WYD Cross—not the original one, which had to be replaced because it simply wore out—will tour Canada, the host country of the next WYD, in the months prior to WYD. This year's celebration is scheduled for next July in Toronto.



On her Roman holiday, Nicole Smith stands by the WYD Cross

Travelling by boat, truck, and snowmobile, the WYD Cross will visit every region of the country, and Edmonton's turn comes in mid-November. The cross is scheduled to arrive in the city on 18 November, and a special appearance at the U of A is scheduled for the following day. Smith, the assistant youth ministry coordinator for the Edmonton Catholic Archdiocese, says it is important to bring the cross to campus to respect the pope's request to involve more university students in WYD. Information about Edmonton's WYD celebrations can be obtained via e-mail at wyd@telusplanet.net or by phone at (780) 469-6213.

The little opera program that grew



The Banff Centre

University of Alberta English instructor Mark Morris has hit a high note. *The Raven King*, a children's opera that he co-wrote, is going to be performed this October at Ireland's Wexford Festival, one of Europe's best-known opera festivals.

A mythical tale about the creation of the world, *The Raven King* is set to the music of Welsh composer Mervyn Burtch. It is one of four operas by the duo of Morris and Burtch created for KidsOp, a children's opera company that brings children and adults, and amateurs and professionals, together to perform in local communities.

Morris says it was a surprise that *The Raven King* was chosen for the festival, which typically showcases more well-known composers. Nonetheless, he is excited because he will get to show off KidsOp, which started several years ago in an elementary school in Wetaskiwin, Alberta, and has now grown into an international project. "There will be lots of opera professionals there, and we will be able to show them all the hard work we are doing with KidsOp—how we work with children to expose them to opera," says Morris.



Hats off for the Virtual Museum

It's a www world out there, and the University of Alberta Department of Museums and Collections Services is getting online. "We are virtually opening the doors to the collections so visitors can explore the University of Alberta Museums and the research undertaken on the University's campus," says Janine Andrews, executive director of museums and collections services. Featured on the site will be detailed databases, virtual exhibits, and fieldwork highlighting some of the current research taking place in the collections department. That's not all—there will be behind-the-scenes tours of some of the collections' lab spaces, a history of collecting on campus, and a listing of on-campus activities and programs open to the public. Visitors will also get to meet—online, of course—curators past and present, donors, and students who are involved with the collections. The U of A Museums Web site received notable funding from the Canada Millennium Partnership Program and the Department of Canadian Heritage's Museums Assistance Program. Set to launch this fall on 24 October, the site will be found at www.museums.ualberta.ca.



ASK THE PRESIDENT



Roderick D. Fraser
President, University of Alberta

Q: You have talked about the need to dramatically increase the relative size of the graduate student population if the University is to reach its goal of being recognized as among the world's best. What implications does that goal have for the undergraduate learning environment?

A: As we take on, with real enthusiasm and passion, the charge to be one of the top 35 universities in the world, we have the challenge to quite dramatically improve the quality of the learning environment for our students.

In an increasing number of cases, institutions that are our peers are saying that every single student must spend at least one term abroad before graduation—and I think that is where we should be. And of course that means we need a program in place that helps the student with the costs associated with that. Furthermore, I think that every student—and I said this in my installation address in January 1995—every student should have the facility to use the Internet, exploit it, harness it to their needs. That takes resources.

I know there was research done in Ontario comparing the number of essays and term

papers written by first-year students, second-year students, and so on in Ontario universities compared with the number written by students at universities that would be in the top 35—places such as Harvard. As I recall it, the one number for Harvard is something like 34 essays or term papers for each student in their first year. I think the Ontario people were estimating that, on average, it might be less than five in Ontario. That's just mind-blowing. I don't know what the number would be for our university, but the ability to do those fundamental things of expressing yourself orally and in writing are so critical.

Yet another aspect to the learning environment—and one on which we clearly seem to be aligned with the provincial government—is the belief that young people should be facilitated in learning not just one additional language besides English, but two or more. That requires solid support for our students to understand the social, cultural, political, economic environments in different regions of the world.

It will be a challenge, but I believe it's now time for us to get a real focus on the quality of the undergraduate learning environment.



quaecumque vera



And the verdict is ...

A crime has been committed. At the trial there is an older eyewitness and a younger one. As each witness recalls slightly different versions of what happened, the jury is faced with a dilemma: which one do they believe?

According to a University of Alberta study, juries are less likely to believe an elderly eyewitness. That's because older witnesses are seen as having less reliable memories, says Sheree Kwong See, an assistant professor of psychology. The lead author of the study, which was recently published in the journal *Psychology and Aging*, Kwong See has shown that there is a link between negative age stereotypes of incompetence and the perceived credibility of older eyewitnesses. And these negative stereotypes outweigh the positive ones such as wisdom and honesty that are associated with aging. The impact of this study, says Kwong See, is something that the legal system will have to take into consideration. "We need to know that older witnesses are going to get a fair shake

if they are on the stand."

None of the literature published prior to Kwong See's study found a link between age bias and believability on the stand; however, in their groundbreaking research Kwong See and her colleagues took an approach different from those of previous researchers. Kwong See says most people when directly asked won't admit that they have a bias against older people. To guard against this, Kwong See and co-researchers, Tammy Wood, also of the U of A, and Hunter Hoffman of the University of Washington, took an indirect approach. "This allowed us to tap into what people really believe about an older person," says Kwong See.

For their study, the researchers showed 93 undergraduate students a series of slides chronicling a shoplifting incident. After 15 minutes—to create a memory delay—the students were asked to read an eyewitness account of the crime. Although the narratives were identical, some students were told that it was provided by a 28-year-old

female, while others were told it came from an 82-year-old female. After reading the narrative, which contained misinformation on four details, such as what colour notebook was stolen, students rated the witnesses on competence and honesty. Then, the student participants took a memory test to determine if they were misled by the eyewitness's account. "How much they are influenced by the misinformation depends on the credibility of the source," says Kwong See, who explained that researchers use the misinformation effect to show how post-event information can influence people's memories of an event. Kwong See and her colleagues found that student participants perceived the young witness to be more competent, and the more competent a witness was perceived, the more her testimony was believed. Kwong See says this study shows that there is an age bias in the eyewitness context—something that should not be ignored by the justice system.

Fenugreek: A Healing Herb

University of Alberta nutritionists and federal government scientists have found medicinal properties in the pungent-smelling seeds of the fenugreek herb. This is a plant with "an incredible amount of potential," says agricultural food and nutritional science professor and chief investigator Tapan Basu. A recent study found that shortly after the University students and faculty members who served as test subjects had eaten the fenugreek seeds their blood-sugar and blood cholesterol levels dropped. Now, Basu and his colleagues are looking to isolate the active ingredients so they can extract them and place them in a capsule, which will make ingesting the bitter-tasting seeds easier to swallow. Fenugreek, a key ingredient used in curry powder, is very much an acquired taste. Even the cows that were used in the initial stages of the research took their time—about 10 days—before eating the seeds, says Agriculture Canada scientist Surya Acharya.

Are happy workers more productive?

A recent study by University of Alberta psychology associate professor Robert Sinclair suggests that the old cliché of happy workers being more productive isn't necessarily true. In a series of experiments, researchers induced happy moods in some participants and sad moods in others. Then the participants were asked to build circuit boards. The number of boards completed and the number of mistakes made were then measured. "Happy and sad people did not differ in the number of steps completed, but happy people committed significantly more errors than did sad people," notes Sinclair.

The U of A Mighty Mice

"Here I come to save the day," sang the popular 1950s cartoon character Mighty Mouse in a tenor voice before coming to the rescue. The mice helping University of Alberta researchers find a cure for hepatitis C don't have a theme song, but they still might help save the day for roughly 175 million people worldwide—that's about six times the population of Canada—who suffer from this contagious viral disease, which can cause serious liver damage.

What makes these mice involved in the hepatitis C study so mighty is their liver, which is about two-thirds human. That's because the research team devised a viable way to successfully transplant human liver cells into a mouse. Once transplanted, the human cells rapidly divide, taking up most of the mouse's liver. The mouse can then be infected with the hepatitis C virus, and new drugs that might help find a cure can be tested.

This innovative mouse model for testing new therapies also helps researchers

examine questions (such as how the virus infects healthy cells) that before were impossible to study, says **Lorne Tyrrell**, '64BSc, '68 MD, one of the principal investigators and the dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry. "This advance opens the floodgates on basic and applied research," he says.

Previously, there had been problems in establishing in vitro (test tube) and in vivo (living organism) models of viral replication, says **Norman Kneteman**, '76 BMS, '78 MD, '85 MSc, professor of surgery and co-principal investigator. The mouse model has eliminated this problem and removed previous setbacks in the testing of new drugs for hepatitis C, he says.

Describing the mouse model as an "excellent and valuable tool for research," Kneteman says the model could be extended to test therapies for other liver diseases.



ASK THE PROFESSOR

What does the phrase "fifth business" mean?

Barbara Smith
'81 BA

Fifth Business is part of stage business which involves what happens physically on a theatre stage. Perhaps the best definition is provided by Robertson Davies in his novel, *Fifth Business*, which has a prefatory note:

Those roles which, being neither those of Hero nor Heroine, Confidante nor Villain, but which were nonetheless essential to bring about the recognition or the denouement, were called the "Fifth Business" in drama and opera companies organized according to the old style, the player who acted these parts was often referred to as Fifth Business

C. Gordon-Craig
Professor of English

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The beat goes on and on ...

University of Alberta researchers have made a discovery with tremendous potential for the development of therapies for treating congenital heart block and sudden death in children.

A life-threatening condition in fetuses, newborns, and young children, congenital heart block results when the electrical signals between the heart's upper and lower chambers are out of sync. In mild cases, the heart rhythm sees the signals in the lower part lag slightly behind those of the upper part. In the worst-case scenario, the chambers beat independently, and the result is a complete heart block. In most cases a pacemaker can fix the problem, but in more severe cases, a heart transplant is the only solution.

Using genetically modified mice, U of A researchers discovered that when the mice produced the protein calreticulin, which is vital for normal development of the heart, in abnormally excessive amounts, they would die of heart block or sudden death. What made this finding so significant was that the developments found in the mice were quite similar to what cardiologists and pediatricians were seeing in children who suffered from the same condition, says biochemistry professor Marek Michalak.

With this discovery, researchers are hoping to develop new treatments. "We're talking about developing pharmacological ways of silencing a gene," says Michalak, who cautions that the research is still in the testing phase.

Antibiotics may lessen heart damage

A University of Alberta research team has discovered that tetracycline, a common antibiotic, may dramatically reduce the damage caused by heart attacks. The team's findings suggest an alternative to the theory that bacterial infections may cause heart attacks. The research team, led by associate professor of pediatrics **Rick Schulz**, '89 PhD, found that the protective action of tetracycline works by inhibiting the action of enzymes called metalloproteinases. The team suggests that metalloproteinases, which are released by heart cells within seconds during a heart attack, damage the heart tissue by breaking up the bond between the cells that give the tissue its structure. The team's results were recently published in *Circulation*, *The Journal of the American Heart Association*.

C'est une ambiance confortable



In early summer representatives of the federal government, the Province of Alberta, the City of Edmonton, and the University of Alberta gathered together with members of Alberta's francophone community to help Faculté Saint-Jean celebrate something old and something new.

On 24 May, the Faculté opened its new Saint-Jean Residence Centre, the culmination of an \$8.5-million project that involved the construction of a new student residence and the transformation of the old residence, built in 1911, into an academic and cultural centre.

"It's been a labour of love," said **Claudette Tardif**, '68 BEd, '78 MEd, '84 PhD, the Faculté's dean, at the opening

ceremonies. "We've linked the past with the future. By preserving the old building we allow students to experience the rich cultural history associated with the Faculté."

The new residence was designed, in the dean's words, to provide "a warm atmosphere to maintain, improve, or learn French." Common areas, including kitchens, living rooms, and patios provide ample opportunities for exchanges and dialogues among students.

Alberta Premier Ralph Klein, who took part in the opening festivities, spoke about the Faculté's role in Alberta's historic cultural diversity. "This new residence, and the Faculté itself," said the premier, "speak well of the wonderful diversity of language

and culture that exists here in Alberta. That diversity is part of who we are as a province. It's an integral part of Alberta's history, and it's at the heart of what makes Alberta strong."

The construction of the historic building was generously supported by the Government of Canada, the Province of Alberta, the University of Alberta, and by Alberta's francophone community.

Among the dignitaries attending the opening, in addition to Klein, were federal Minister of Justice Anne McLellan, President of the Queen's Privy Council and federal Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs Stéphane Dion, University of Alberta Vice-President (Academic) Doug Owram, and Edmonton Mayor Bill Smith. ■

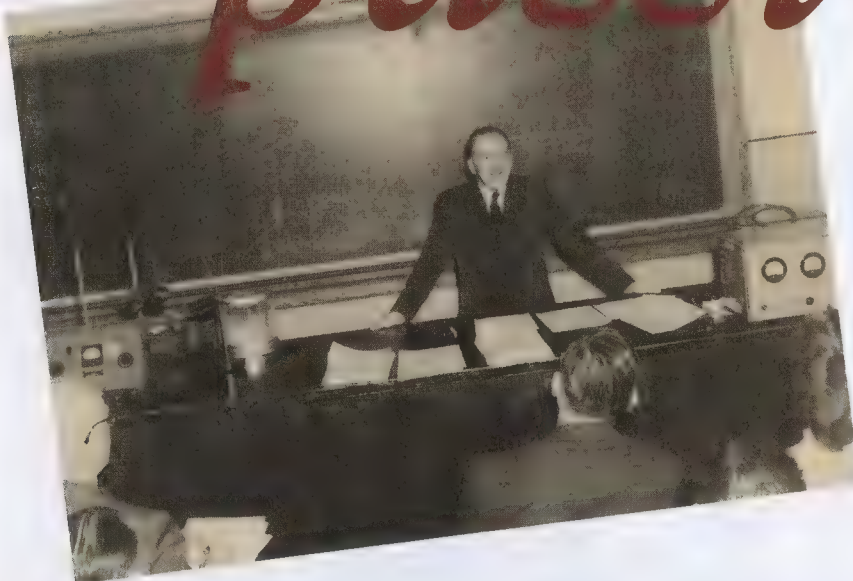
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- 1 The new academic and cultural centre includes an impressive boardroom.
- 2 The transformation of the historic residence building included the addition of an inviting front entry.
- 3 A number of the tubs from the old residence were saved, refurbished, and incorporated into the bathing rooms that are found on each residence floor. (The bathrooms inside each of the residence rooms have only showers.)
- 4 The new residence features a number of common kitchens for use by the residents.
- 5 The spacious—by dormitory standards—residence rooms have a study area complete with a high-speed Internet connection.
- 6 The historic ambiance of the former residence, which was built in 1911, is retained in the new academic and cultural centre.

a passion

for life



By Rick Pilger

Merv Huston, who brought the U of A pharmacy school into the modern era, was also a gifted humorist and a talented musician

When the results of the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada's qualifying exams were released early this summer, a University of Alberta graduate—Veronica Szekely, '01 BSc(Pharm)—had the highest overall grade. That achievement earned her the George A. Burbidge Award—the tenth time in the last 13 years that the Burbidge Award has gone to a student graduating from the U of A pharmacy school. And once again this year, for the 11th time in the past 12 years, the U of A pharmacy graduating class was tops in the country with the highest combined average on the exams.

Two months before the pharmacy class of 2001 wrote their May qualifying exams, the man who deserves much of the credit for creating the foundation that made possible this remarkable record of achievement

passed away. Merv Huston, '37 BSc(Pharm), '41 MSc, '88 DSc (Honorary), who brought the U of A pharmacy school into the modern era and built it to national prominence, died in Edmonton on 1 March 2001 following a lengthy illness.

Huston, who was born in 1912 and got his start in pharmacy as an apprentice in his father's pharmacy in Ashcroft, B.C., began lecturing in the U of A's School of Pharmacy while completing his master's degree. In 1946, having earned a PhD in pharmacology at the University of Washington, he was made acting director of the school. Two years later, he was confirmed as the school's director, a position he held until 1955 when the school became the U of A's Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and he became its dean, an appointment he held until 1978.

The erstwhile pharmacy dean is fondly remembered by those who knew him as a "character"—an old-

fashioned term for a person whose approach to life sets them apart: a personality of bold colours instead of the usual pastels shading to grey. A gifted raconteur, Huston was one of Canada's best-known and beloved humorists. Many Canadians remember him not as the architect of the University's present-day Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences but as the creator of the fictional town of Blossom, Alberta, which he brought to life in *Gophers Don't Pay Taxes*, the episodic novel which earned him the Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour in 1982.

His other books of humour include *Canada Eh to Zed*, *Great Golf Humour*, *Toast to the Bride*, *Prescription for Humour*, and *Golf and Murphy's Law*. One of his earliest books—one that remained a favourite of many of his friends—was *The Great Canadian Lover*. When speaking about the book, Huston would assure his audience that the book wasn't

autobiographical. Then, with impeccable timing, he would add, "However, now that you have met me, you will see that it is a natural mistake, and I don't fight it."

Huston's wit and self-deprecating humour (he liked to say that, around the University, deans were about as popular as "hemorrhoids at a bicycle race") made him a popular speaker at dinners and conferences. By the time he quit taking speaking engagements, he had delivered well over 500 addresses to professional associations, conventions, service clubs, and other diverse organizations across North America.

Apart from his professional interests Huston had three passions in life. The first was his family, which included his wife Helen, who predeceased him, and two children, **Brian Huston**, '71 MLS, and **Doran Young (Huston)**, '68 BA. His zest for life also extended to sports, his favourites being boxing, badminton, golf, and curling.

Huston's other great passion was music. **Bob Edgar**, '55 BSc(Pharm), who first encountered Huston as a student and later got to know him much better when both were involved in professional associations, recalls that "music was very much a part of Merv's life." Edgar says that whenever the band would take a break during a dinner-and-dance event, Huston would take over the piano, and soon a group would be gathered around singing to his spirited playing of old favourites. More than just a talented amateur, Huston played the bassoon with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and the local opera company for many years. Before that, he financed much of his education by playing the saxophone in off-campus bands.

In 1935 Huston and his friend and roommate **Denny Baron** got together

with the late **Chet Lambertson**, '36 BA, '41 MA, and played a number of gigs on campus as "The Three Hearsemen." Lambertson was the composer of the *U of A Cheer Song*; when the Varsity Orchestra recorded it in 1935, Huston contributed to the arrangement and got his name on the record. Later Huston formed his own dance band, which he called "Happy Huston and his Merry Men." During the two-year hiatus between the completion of his pharmacy degree, Huston was a full-time musician, mostly playing with Chet Lambertson's orchestra.

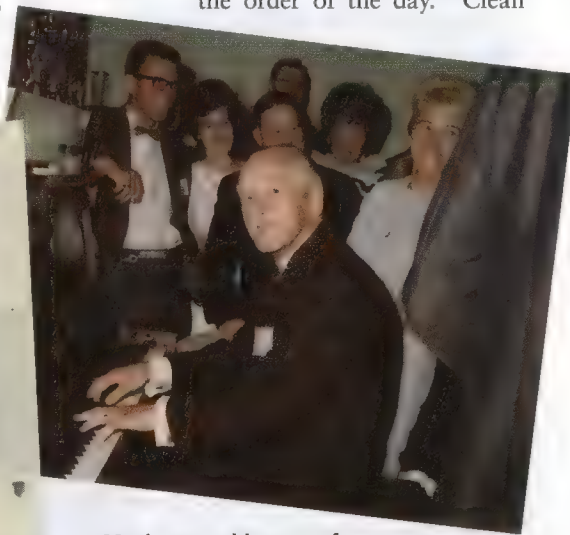
Although "Happy Huston" was an apt name for the fun-loving Huston, he was nothing but serious about ensuring that pharmacy students at the U of A received a rigorous education. And his faculty members knew that he would stand for no slackness. "He ran a pretty tight ship," recalls **Dick Moskalyk**, '65 PhD, who became a U of A faculty member in 1963 and served as dean of the pharmacy faculty from 1990 to 1999.



"Some of our faculty members who didn't know him well were scared stiff of him. He had a way of looking at you ..."

Looking back to his student days, Edgar also recalls Huston's intimidating presence. At least once during each dispensing lab, he says, Huston would come through and walk slowly up and down the rows of dispensing units. Holding the lapels of his spotless lab coat, he would "make a few comments when required" and then return to his office. "Needless to say, at that point the students would breathe a little easier," says Edgar.

Huston always emphasized professionalism: he was preparing students for a profession and he saw no reason why they shouldn't see themselves as professionals from their first day of classes. In Edgar's student years, male pharmacy students were required to wear dress shirts and ties to pharmacy classes and labs ("thank goodness for those clip-on bow ties," says Edgar). In dispensing labs, white lab coats were the order of the day. "Clean



Music was a big part of Huston's life. Among the instruments he played were the bass saxophone (left). In later years he could often be found at the centre of a singalong.

white lab coats," adds Edgar. "And they had better be clean."

There were, however, glimpses of the human behind the dean's forbidding façade, recalls Edgar. For many years



the Pharmacy Club hosted an annual party in the river valley below the University. "The Outdoor Cabin would be the venue and these functions would be great fun," says Edgar. Huston, accompanied by one or two of his professors, would join the party early in the evening and take part briefly. "They would share stories and good humour," recalls Edgar, "perhaps have a hot dog or two, and then after half an hour or so would go back up the river bank to Saskatchewan Drive and home."

Once a year, the students of Edgar's era would see yet another side to Huston: the entertaining speaker known to so many Canadians. The occasion was the annual pharmacy formal, which was usually held at the Hotel Macdonald. "It was there that we found out about Merv's tremendous speaking ability," recalls Edgar, who shares the sentiment he attributes to one of his classmates: "It was worth the price of admission just to hear Merv's address."

While Huston cultivated a rigid formality within the pharmacy school, there were times when his humanity was very evident. In the eulogy that Edgar delivered at Huston's funeral, he shared one such instance:

Merv was a very human being. As we got to know him in later years, we found out that he did many unexpected things. In talking with another

classmate two nights ago, I learned something I hadn't been aware of before. Evidently during our second year at University, Don came down with pneumonia and was promptly placed in the University's infirmary, which was in one of the rather "infirm"

H-huts left over from the days of the Army on campus during the War. On each of the nine or 10 days Don was there, Merv Huston appeared at the door of his hospital room and would spend a short while chatting and cheering our classmate. Don said he will never forget that, and when he hears the name Merv Huston, he always thinks of those visits by Merv and the brightness he brought to an otherwise drab surrounding.

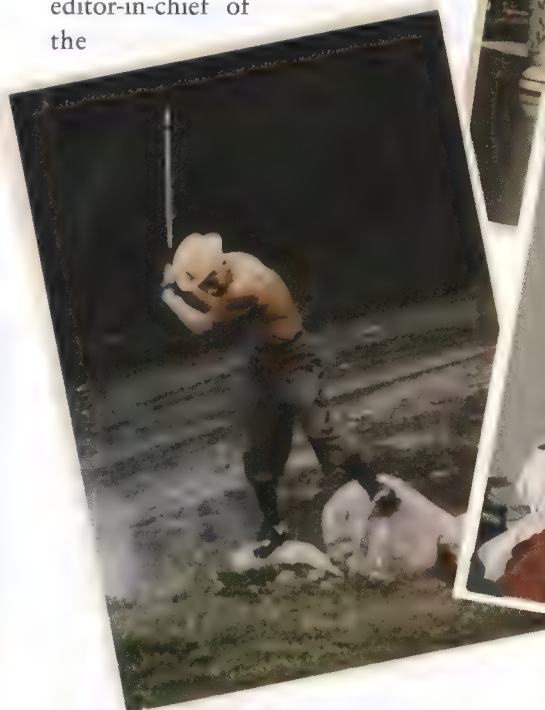
Moskalyk, who did his undergraduate work in pharmacy at the University of Saskatchewan, first met Huston at a pharmacy conference in Chicago. Moskalyk was there to meet the University of Chicago professor with whom he intended to do his graduate studies. But things changed when he met Huston. "Merv talked me into coming to Alberta instead," says Moskalyk. "He said he would give me a better deal."

A strong graduate program was important to Huston. "He was intent on establishing us as a research-based faculty," recalls Moskalyk. He was committed to that aspect from the very beginning. He was always of the opinion that people could learn much of the practical aspect of pharmacy out in the profession. He was there to teach them the science."

Huston's own interest in science dated back to his school days in B.C., first in Ashcroft and then in Kamloops where he completed high school. His aptitude for science

served him in good stead during his BSc pharmacy studies at the U of A and he returned to the University to do a master's degree in biochemistry. In 1940, before that degree was completed, he received an appointment as a lecturer in the pharmacy school, the beginning of an active involvement that continued even after his retirement as dean 38 years later. At the time that Huston did his PhD degree through the University of Washington, no Canadian pharmacy school offered a doctoral program. Under Huston's leadership the U of A was the first to do so.

Among Huston's contributions to academic publishing were three texts and numerous scientific papers. In addition, he was the founding editor-in-chief of the



Canadian Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences and contributed to other pharmaceutical publications. (Sometimes the division between Huston's serious writing and his humour was not entirely distinct. For many years he wrote a column for the *Canadian Pharmacy Journal* entitled "Test and Improve Your

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Scientific Word Power.” The column consisted of a listing of 20 scientific terms, each followed by four possible definitions from which the reader was to choose the correct one. At least once each issue a tongue-in-cheek alternative would creep in—as in “tube from Paddington to Charing Cross” as a possible definition for “Fallopian Tube,” or “lingerie” as an alternative

under “Tunica Intima,” which is the Latin phrase identifying the inner coat of an artery.)

Huston was always on the lookout for opportunities for his school, and it was under his leadership that the University acquired its Slowpoke nuclear reactor, which went into operation in 1978, the year he retired as dean. The reactor, the first nuclear reactor to be operated in Western Canada, helped the University of

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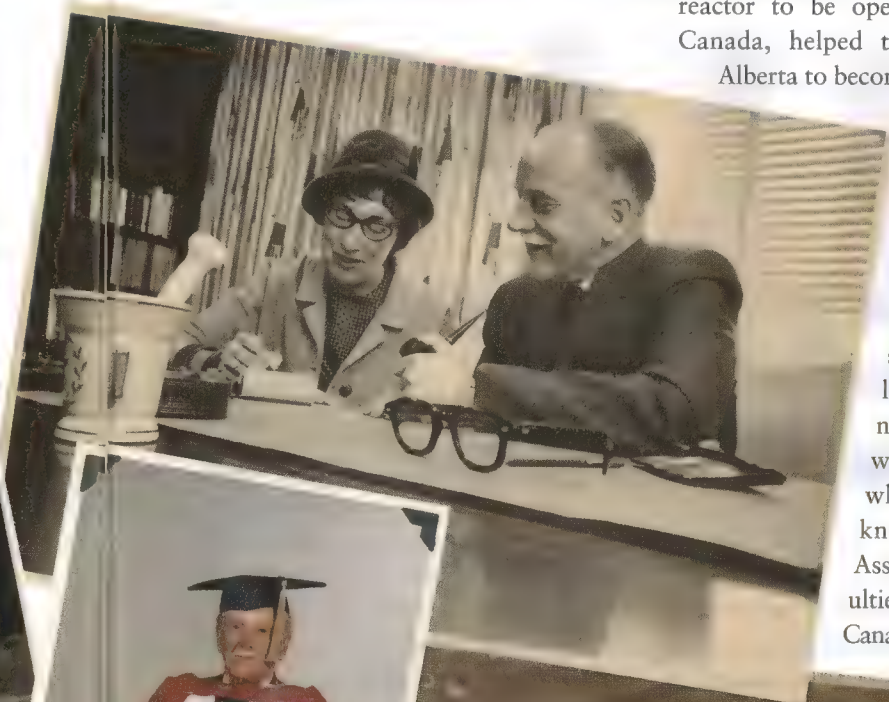
tion in North America to initiate a graduate program in radiopharmacy at the PhD level.

Huston also showed strong leadership at the national level. He was a founder of what today is known as the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada and was its

chair in 1948-49. He also served as president of the Canadian Foundation for the Advancement of Pharmacy and of the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association. In 1969 he was the Canadian delegate at the inaugural meeting of the Commonwealth Pharmaceutical Conference in London and was elected to that body’s council as the representative for the Commonwealth countries of North and South America.

In recognition of his expertise and his long-held interest in research, in 1979 the Government of Alberta named Huston as a member of the original ad hoc advisory committee set up to shape the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, which came into being the following year. Numerous other honours came his way: honorary degrees from the U of A and Dalhousie, honorary life memberships in the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association and in the pharmaceutical associations of all the western provinces, the E.R. Squibb Award in Biochemistry and Public Health, a Centennial Medal in 1968, an Alberta Achievement Award, and other awards large and small.

While his many honours testify to the esteem in which Huston was held by his colleagues, Moskalyk says the most lasting testimonial to his friend and mentor’s accomplishments can be found elsewhere. “From the very beginning Alberta had a reputation as a leader in pharmaceutical research, with a strong graduate program and a strong science base to its undergraduate program. That’s probably Merv’s biggest legacy. Subsequent deans have picked up on that strength and built from it, but Merv was the one that got it started.”■



Statesman of Canadian pharmacy, sportsman, honorary degree recipient, bandleader, and author (shown above being interviewed by Doyle Klyn of *Weekend Magazine* shortly after publication of *The Great Canadian Lover* in 1964), Huston was a man of many talents and had a zest for life

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By Dan Rubinstein

A cunning, vengeful terrorist, his eyes cold and hard, his facial features chiselled, won't relent until he kills a CIA agent and his family ... A charming, handsome Irish immigrant is welcomed no-questions-asked into the home of an Irish-American family in New York, but despite the generosity he's shown there are dark secrets he won't reveal ...

Sound familiar?

Not only are these the characters depicted, respectively, by Harrison Ford-hunting Sean Bean in Hollywood blockbuster *Patriot Games* and Brad Pitt in *The Devil's Own*, they're also well-worn stereotypes of the typical Irish terrorist. Indeed, simply mention the

term "Irish terrorist" or "Irish Republican Army" and most people will conjure up the same image: a rugged man clad in nondescript jeans and boots with an impenetrable gaze and unyielding determination.

Say "Irish terrorist" to U of A English associate professor Heather Zwicker, '88 BA, however, and she won't concern herself with telling you what a so-called "Irish terrorist"—and she always uses the scare quotes—is supposed to look and behave like.

Instead, Zwicker is interested in how these stereotypical representations have been created. She's studying the various visions of Irish terrorists presented in American and Northern Irish popular culture, from film to fiction to mass media.

She wants to learn how these stereotypes actually work—and, accordingly, how language can be used to help diffuse dangerous patterns of thought.

"We get nowhere by subscribing to this facile, media-constructed image of the terrorist," says Zwicker, whose PhD focused on women's writing about the troubles in Northern Ireland. "If we're serious about understanding the violence, and maybe putting an end to the violence, it means not buying into these simplistic visions."

Zwicker tumbled into this realm of research back in 1995. A departmental colleague, Stephen Slemon, was devising an interdisciplinary graduate seminar rooted in an examination of colonial and post-colonial stereotypes. Zwicker's

contribution on Irish terrorism was essentially jettisoned into the trash. Initially, a 5,000-word long before confirmed: the for one paper article," she some other re

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contribution was a four-week unit on Irish terrorists. She was well versed in the subject, but it was essentially just her case study, a portal into the bigger picture.

Initially, Zwicker envisioned a 5,000-word article. But it wasn't long before her suspicions were confirmed: there was too much meat for one paper. "So I abandoned that article," she chuckles, "and cleared some other research off my desk."

The project has evolved into a book-in-progress, which Zwicker hopes to complete by next fall. She's already presented papers in Australia, New York, and Galway, Ireland. She's also made several productive trips to Belfast's Linen Hall Library, which boasts an invaluable resource: its Political Collection. Non-sectarian, the collection was founded by Robert Bell in 1969 when somebody in a pub handed him a leaflet for an IRA rally. Bell realized there were literally thousands of texts that nobody was archiving.

"All these 'terrorists,' they write," exclaims Zwicker, who's currently immersed in the canon of Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Féin (the IRA's political arm). Although Adams is regarded as a politician, he's also the author of nine books, from novels to a prison memoir to a short story collection. Not only do his works in each of

these genres contain traces of Republican philosophy, Adams also finds meaning by deploying precise language. "That's enchanting to me as an English professor," says Zwicker, "a statesman who believes in the virtues of the written word." (She hasn't attempted to interview Adams, though—"he's got bigger things to do right now.")

From her initial research, Zwicker developed a working hypothesis. A common notion, she says, is that information about a particular subject will kill the surrounding stereotypes. Perhaps that's true, but she believes it's easier for a stereotype to take on a different tack than die. Despite available statistics showing otherwise, some people still consider women inferior drivers, she offers as an example. "Having more or better information," she says, "doesn't actually kill the stereotype."

Unleashing the "terrorist" label to describe the IRA, according to Zwicker, allows people to decontextualize violence. "It's a way of delegitimizing political violence," she says. Ultimately, her research is rooted in a common yet crucial concept—that we can only understand our world through the language we use to describe it. This "Irish terrorist" case study, therefore, could open up a new way of contemplating how stereotypes work.

"With a better understanding," says Zwicker, "we'll have the tools to change the most dangerous effects of stereotypical representations. Words have meaning. Pictures have meaning. I think we take language and images for granted all the time. At some level, we have to—it's a complicated world and we're all busy people. But we need a place where we can stand back and look critically at what those words and images are. It's basic research, and I don't think anything could be more basic than looking at how language constructs the world we inhabit." ■



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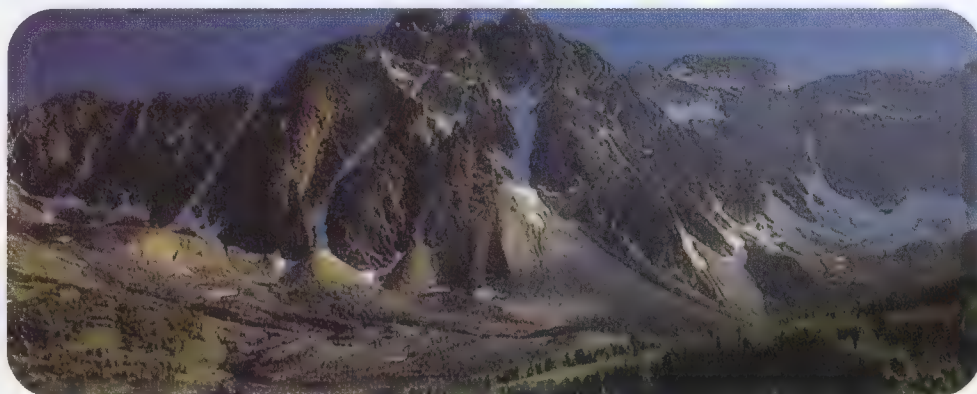
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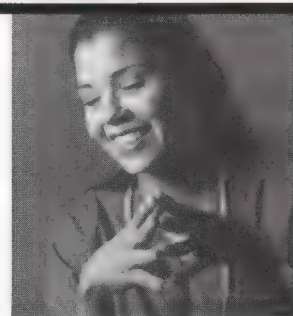
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OUTSTANDING UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA ALUMNI

THURSDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2001

University of Alberta alumni continue to bring honour to themselves and their alma mater in a multitude of ways—through leadership in their professions, business and government, groundbreaking advances in science and medicine, accomplishments in athletics and the arts, and service to the global and local communities.

This year the University of Alberta Alumni Association is pleased to recognize the outstanding contributions of 39 graduates of the University. Presentation of the 2001 Alumni Pride Awards will take place at the Myer Horowitz Theatre on campus on 11 October, at 4:30 p.m.

The University of Alberta Alumni Association is now welcoming nominations for the 2002 Distinguished Alumni Award, Alumni Award of Excellence, Alumni Honour Award, and the Alumni Horizon Award. For information about nominating an outstanding alumnus contact the Office of Alumni Affairs.

Celebrate the success of outstanding alumni as they receive their University of Alberta Alumni Pride Awards.

ALUMNI HON



Gary Campbell, '58 BCom, '62 LLB, has been an active leader within Edmonton's legal community for many years and has dedicated countless hours to numerous charitable and civic organizations. He was the founder and director of the Minerva Foundation, chair of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, and budget chair for the Edmonton 2001 World Championships.



Phyllis Cardinal, '80 BEd, '91 Dip(Ed), a First Nations educator, has dedicated her career to tailoring learning environments to the needs of Aboriginal students. Her leadership, direction and tenacity were the impetus for the creation of the Amiskwaciy Academy, an innovative school for Aboriginal students, where she serves as principal. Located in Edmonton, this landmark venture is just one of the crowning achievements in her career.



Jean E. Côté, '64 LLB, has been a major contributor to the law profession in Alberta. For nearly a decade, he served as a lecturer, practitioner-in-residence and justice-in-residence in the Faculty of Law and was head of one part of the Alberta Bar Admissions course. An author of a number of books and articles, he is a justice of the Alberta Court of Appeal, the Court of Appeal for the Northwest Territories and the Court of Appeal of Nunavut.



Ron Cummings, '59 BA, '60 LLB, is well-known in the legal community as the "Father of Modern Tort Law in Canada." He has been nominated for the Order of Canada and the Order of Excellence for Alberta for his life's work in representing individuals suffering catastrophic injuries. His cases have set landmark precedents in Canada and the British Commonwealth. He is also widely recognized as being a generous benefactor to inner-city children and the elderly.



Steven Glover, '87 MBA, the current executive director and CEO of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta, has been a dedicated leader in the accounting profession. He was the driving force behind the creation of the CA School of Business, was a member of the Education Committee of the International Federation of Accountants, and has served with numerous community organizations.



Gordon Hoffman, '66 BA, '74 LLB, has been recognized by the Calgary community and the legal profession for his service to numerous social, cultural, and charitable organizations. Besides managing a busy law practice, he is the founder and president of the Project Warmth Society of Canada, Project Warmth Society of Alberta, Operation Kickstart of Alberta, the HDD Charitable Foundation, and numerous other charitable foundations and organizations benefiting those in need.



Harry Hole, '44 BSc(Eng), made his mark on the family business, Lockerbie and Hole and served as president of many other companies, as well as being on the board of directors of 16 companies. He gives generously of his time, serving Canada, the province, and the City of Edmonton through the military and numerous organizations. He has made exceptional contributions to the community and has been a generous supporter of many charitable organizations.



William Hurlburt, '48 BA, '49 LLB, '97 LLD (Honorary), has, through the Law Society of Alberta and the Federation of Law Societies of Canada, taken part in important initiatives of the legal profession in areas such as legal aid, liability insurance, and supervision of lawyers' competence. As a founder, board member and chair, director, and counsel of the Alberta Law Reform Institute since 1968, he has helped to promote many important reforms in Alberta law.



Christine Lefavre, '79 BSc(OT), has implemented groundbreaking strategies for working with people who have sustained traumatic brain injury and has licensed her methodology. She was an early pioneer advocating for the right of the brain-injured survivor to be cognitively retrained at home when institutional care was the norm. A clinical instructor at the University of British Columbia, she has twice been named the B.C. Female Entrepreneur of the Year in the quality-plus category.



Irene G. Lewis, '80 BEd, '84 MEd, has had a 30-year career spanning the breadth of the Canadian educational system and two continents. The current president of SAIT, she has worked as a teacher in primary, secondary and post-secondary systems; has authored textbooks and hosted an educational television series. Her contributions to Alberta were recently honoured when she was named one of Alberta's 50 most influential citizens by *Alberta Venture* magazine.



The Alumni Honour Award recognizes the significant contributions made over a number of years by University of Alberta alumni in their local communities and beyond.

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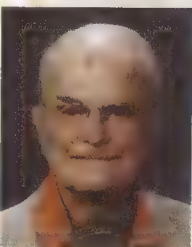
Linda Lusby, '78 MSc, a well-known leader in the national and international standards communities, has served as chair of the Canadian Standards Council and is currently serving as the first North American president of the Pan American Standards Commission. As a professor of Environmental Science at Acadia University, she was instrumental in founding Acadia's interdisciplinary degree program in environmental science. She is a Fellow of the Leadership for Environment and Development program and contributes to the joint research program of LEAD and Imperial College, London.



Bill Moores, '71 BPE, '72 Dip(Ed), is currently an assistant coach with the Edmonton Oilers. He has enjoyed an exciting career in hockey, coaching at the junior, collegiate, international and professional levels. He led the Golden Bears hockey team to five CIAU championships, winning two national championships for his alma mater. He has shared his passion for hockey extensively, working as a dedicated mentor and teacher for amateur coaches.



Hugh Morrison, '30 BA, has enjoyed a life of adventure. A Rhodes Scholar, he went on to assume a variety of titles during his colourful career—*London Evening Standard* journalist, *Toronto Star* journalist, Latin-American airline/wartime intelligence agent, CBC Radio broadcasting executive, publicist for the United Way of Greater Toronto, and teacher of public relations at Humber College. His unique experiences brought him in contact with many notable people, including prime ministers and presidents.



Esther Ondrack, '63 BA, is the senior vice-president, secretary, and director of Chieftain International, Inc. In addition to her extensive involvement on boards and committees that support social services, health, and education in Edmonton, she is a strong supporter of the University of Alberta, having served on advisory boards for the School of Business and the Faculty of Arts. She is also well-known in the community for her avid support of the arts.



Barbara Rothe, '60 Dip(RehabMed), helped shape the physical therapy profession in Alberta. Among her numerous contributions, she served as the president of the Alberta Chartered Physiotherapists Association, helped develop the Physical Therapy Profession Act, served as the national chair of the Canadian Physiotherapy Association and co-chaired its National Congress. She has also been involved in developing post-secondary education programs for physical therapy in the province.



Judy Shierman, '83 BEd, works with children in Third World countries. While serving in Bolivia, Judy and her husband became aware of the alarming living conditions of the children who live in Bolivian prisons with their incarcerated parents. The couple has helped develop a holistic program that operates on a daily basis helping the children with all their emotional, physical, medical, educational, and spiritual needs.



Amil B. Shapka, '78 BSc, '90 DDS, is a dedicated humanitarian and volunteer who has provided medical and dental services to remote villages in Central America for more than 10 years. In 1996 he was responsible for forming Kindness in Action, a consortium of more than 100 Canadian professionals who are willing to volunteer their time to provide medical and dental services to those with less in the developing world.



Larry Shipka Sr., '64 BSc(Pharm), has been a leader in the pharmacy profession in Alberta. A former auditor inspector and later registrar/treasurer of the provincial professional association, he championed the Alberta Pharmaceutical Profession Act. While with the provincial department of health, he was instrumental in developing the Alberta Health and Wellness Drug Benefit List currently used by pharmacists around the province. He also served as an instructor and active volunteer at the University of Alberta.



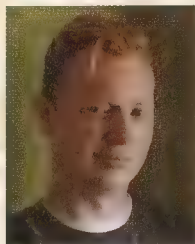
Nizar J. Somji, '85 MSc, president of one of the fastest growing technology companies in Canada, believes an investment in youth is an investment in the future. In addition to many accolades for commercial achievement, his company, Matrikon, received the Top Employer of Youth Award from the Conference Board of Canada and maintains its position of leadership through strong relationships with academic centres.



Gordon W. Thompson, '65 DDS, has made significant contributions to the dental profession on provincial, national, and international levels. He is a former dean of the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Alberta and former director of dental services for the Alberta government. He has authored more than 100 research papers and has served as the chair of the National Dentistry Fund and chair of the National Council on Education. He currently serves as the executive director of the Alberta Dental Association.



ALUMNI HORIZON AWARD



Greg Ball, '93 BA, (left) and Steve Blackman, '97 LLB, made Canadian television history with *The Associates*, a prime-time series on CTV that has the biggest budget of any Canadian television series to date. These two young lawyers discovered their shared passions for writing when they were articling.

They would work 10-hour days practising law and then meet for late-night writing sessions. For two industry neophytes to launch their own show was an incredible coup. With their own production company in place, the two are working on more projects for television and are currently pursuing the creation of a show in Los Angeles.



Marty Chan, '92 BA, has produced a string of hits at Edmonton's Fringe Festival, winning applause and rave reviews from fans and critics alike. In addition to his award-winning Fringe productions (*Polaroids of Don; Mom, Dad, I'm Living With A White Girl; The Bone House*), he has also written masterfully for radio, film, and television. He won a gold prize at the 1997 Worldfest Charleston Film Festival for *The Orange Seed Myth and Other Lies Mothers Tell*, acted on and wrote for TV's *Jake*

and the Kid, and delighted CBC Radio audiences with his *Dim Sum Diaries*. Currently, he is writing humour columns for *Alberta Venture* magazine.



George "Jody" Fraser, '92 BA, '96 LLB, is a capable and admired lawyer who cares about justice. At the age of 20 he suffered a life-transforming accident while playing rugby and became paralyzed throughout most of his body. Refusing to allow his physical limitations to impede his goals, he completed a law degree and went on to serve as a crown prosecutor. There are many demands placed on a crown prosecutor, but he has asked for no special treatment and manages his heavy caseload with

skill, compassion and determination. He enjoys his work and is dedicated to the pursuit of justice.



Geoffrey Lilje, '94 BA, (left) Randy McCoy, '92 BA, and Daniel Hlus, '89 BSc, (bottom right) came together because of a shared love and respect for design. Forming their company, Pure Design, in 1994 they produced their first product—metal CD racks—by hand.

Within three years of the company's formation the partners were overseeing 30 employees and a product line of 75 different home accessories. Pure Design products have been featured on the set of *Ally McBeal*, a Janet Jackson pop video, a Steven Spielberg film, and in the homes of collectors who love Pure Design's upbeat, liberal approach to design. In May of 2001, Pure Design was awarded the prestigious Editors Award for Furniture at the International Contemporary Furniture Fair in New York City.



Marla R. Quinney, '94 BSc(OT), was given the opportunity, in the fall of 1999, to build a new occupational therapy department at the University of Chicago Hospitals in Illinois. With only five years experience in her profession, she tackled the challenge and managed to build the program by avoiding conflict, finding common ground with other health professionals and sharing her enthusiasm for what occupational therapy could do for patients. Beginning as the first occupational therapist, she was able to build a patient base,

find resources, develop assessment tools, assist with policy development and market OT services across Chicago and the Midwestern United States. Two years later the department had grown to include seven occupational therapists.



Alumni Award of Excellence recognizes specific, recent accomplishments of University of Alberta graduates.

ALUMNI AWARD OF EXCELLENCE



John Butt, '60 MD, received the Order of Canada in the spring of 2000 for his work as a forensic pathologist and medical examiner. A leader in his profession, he has served as chief medical examiner in Alberta and Nova Scotia, establishing groundbreaking death investigation systems and legislation. He has also served as the president of the National Association of Medical Examiners (an organization based in the United

States). In 1998, he faced one of the greatest challenges of his career when he led the investigation to identify the 229 people killed in the Swiss Air crash off the coast of Nova Scotia. Through that investigation, he set new, high standards for care of the next of kin of victims of multiple fatality disasters.



Wendy Edey, '74 BA, '95 MEd, is the recipient of the 2001 Canadian Counselling Association Counsellor Practitioner Award. It recognizes her pioneering work in developing strategies for hope-focused counselling. She is the director of counselling at the Hope Foundation, a centre for hope studies at the University of Alberta. Known as a gifted psychologist, she employs her affinity for humour, her love of writing and her unique life

experiences to create innovative techniques. Her approach makes it easier to work with people who tend to be neglected because they bring out the hopelessness in people who try to help them. She is a long-time advocate for people with disabilities, a trainer of health and social service professionals, a popular conference speaker, and an author.



Daniel McCaffery, '69 BPE, '76 MA, received an Honour Award from the American Institute of Architecture in spring 2001. This award, the highest of its kind in the architectural industry, recognizes his role in saving Chicago's Reliance Building, an architectural treasure designed by Daniel Burnham. Built in 1893, the Reliance Building was the first-ever steel frame building constructed. Saved by the wrecking-ball, it was

transformed into an attractive boutique hotel by McCaffery's Chicago-based company, McCaffery Interests, Inc. That company is recognized as a North American leader in urban renewal development and has received numerous awards for redevelopment projects in many cities across the United States.



Sally Rehorick, '69 BA, '71 MA, has been appointed as the Canadian Chef de Mission for the Olympic Winter Games in February 2002 in Salt Lake City. This appointment comes from the Canadian Olympic Association after she served for more than two decades as a dedicated volunteer in high-performance sports. She is a World and Olympic judge for figure skating and has held numerous leadership roles for Skate Canada and the Canadian Olympic Association. The director of the Second Language Education Centre and a professor in the Faculty of Education at the University of New Brunswick, she looks at her Olympic appointment as an exciting new challenge. As chef de mission, she will lead a team of 166 athletes and 250 support personnel while serving as the official spokesperson for the Canadian team.



Shirley Stinson, '52 Dip(Nu), '53 BSc(Nu), received the Alberta Order of Excellence in 1999 and the Ethel Johns Award from the Canadian Association of University Schools of Nursing in 2000. She was also honoured by an anonymous donor who gave \$250,000 to the University of Alberta in recognition of her contributions to the field of nursing. Considered to be the architect of Canadian nursing research, she was instrumental in pressing for the creation of the Alberta

Foundation for Nursing Research. A highly respected teacher and mentor, nationally and internationally, she was instrumental in establishing Western Canada's first master's degree in nursing in 1975 and the first funded Canadian PhD program in nursing five years later.



Allan Wachowich, '57 BA, '58 LLB, was appointed chief justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta in January 2001, after serving on the bench for 26 years. He joined the judiciary when he was appointed to the District Court of Alberta in 1974. For several years he served as one of Alberta's judicial leaders following his appointment as the associate chief justice of the Queen's Bench in 1993. In addition to his service to the

legal profession, he has given generously of his time serving on numerous athletic, cultural and charitable organizations.



Ernest J.M. Walter, '63 BA, '64 LLB, was appointed chief judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta in 1999. Throughout his lengthy legal career in Edmonton, he has taken on many leadership roles and has been involved with numerous professional associations such as the Municipal Law Edmonton Branch CBA and the Environmental Law CBA. Besides having numerous articles published, he has also lectured at the University of Alberta's Faculty of Extension and at

Grant MacEwan College. Active in the community, he is involved in many local organizations, including United Way, St. Anthony's College Alumni Association, Friars Club, NAIT Advisory Board, and Canadian Diabetes Association.



Alumni Horizon Award recognizes the outstanding achievements of University of Alberta alumni early in their careers.

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Francis Johnson

A principal investigator with the Apollo program

Francis Johnson, '40 BSc

Francis Johnson has made seminal contributions to our understanding of the earth's outer atmosphere. In addition, as a principal investigator in the Apollo program, he provided the instruments that the astronauts placed on the moon's surface to study the lunar atmosphere. Following the Second World War, he was part of a team that used captured German V2 rockets to make the first measurements in space and provided the first detailed picture of the ozone layer. Later, he was the first to realize that the temperature of the high atmosphere was constant and that the earth was surrounded by a faint cloud of hydrogen, which he named the geocorona. He also developed the tear-drop model of the magnetosphere.

Since the early 1960s, Dr. Johnson has been associated with the University of Texas at Dallas. He served a brief term as president of that institution and is credited with transforming it into a world leader in space science research. Among the many honours he has received are NASA's Exceptional Scientific Achievement Medal and the Space Science Award of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.



Noel Zinger, mpa

Ray V. Rajotte

A pioneer in islet transplantation research

Ray V. Rajotte, '71 BSc(Eng), '73 MSc, '75 PhD

The founder and director of the internationally renowned Islet Transplantation Group at the University of Alberta, Ray Rajotte started his basic research isolating, preserving, and transplanting the body's insulin-producing cells in the early 1970s. In 1999, he and his transplantation group made headlines around the world by demonstrating a 100-per-cent success rate in freeing insulin-dependent diabetics from the need for daily insulin injections. Their breakthrough transplantation method, now known as the Edmonton Protocol, has brought hope for a normal life to people around the world who have severe type 1 diabetes mellitus.

The winner of an Outstanding Leadership in Alberta Science Award in 2000, Dr. Rajotte has supervised or co-supervised more than 48 graduate students and 20 research fellows. Many of his students have won national and international awards and have gone on to appointments at universities across Canada, seven of them holding academic appointments at the University of Alberta. Since 1989 he has been graduate student coordinator in the University of Alberta's Department of Surgery, whose graduate program has been rated as one of the top five in North America.



Distinguished Alumni Award is the Association's highest honour and recognizes the truly outstanding accomplishments of living University of Alberta alumni who have earned national and international prominence as a result of their achievements.

ALUMNI AWARD

Recipient of the 2000 UNESCO Prize for Peace Education

Toh Swee-Hin, '74 MEd, '80 PhD

In 2000 an international jury unanimously selected Toh Swee-Hin, a professor of educational policy studies at the University of Alberta, as the recipient of the prestigious UNESCO Prize for Peace Education. The prize, whose previous recipients include Mother Teresa and the brilliant Brazilian educator Paulo Friere, recognized Dr. Toh's pioneering work in promoting peace education in many countries, including Australia, Canada, Uganda, South Africa, Japan, Jamaica, the U.S.A., and in particular in the southern Philippines, a region of long-standing conflicts among various cultural and social groups.

Born and raised in Malaysia, Dr. Toh served as a senior lecturer at the University of New England in Australia before returning to the University of Alberta as a faculty member in 1992. Since then he has made significant contributions to the internationalization of the University and is director of the linkage project with the University of Fort Hare in South Africa. That project, which he initiated, involves joint activities with South African educators to improve teacher education for post-apartheid educational needs.



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Developed a treatment for hepatitis B

D. Lorne Tyrrell, '64 BSc, '68 MD

An outstanding research scientist who brought international attention to the University of Alberta when he developed the world's first oral antiviral drug for the treatment of hepatitis B, Dr. Lorne Tyrrell won the Alberta Science and Technology Leadership Award in 1993 and the University's highest research honour, the J. Gordin Kaplan Research Prize in 1998. He is also a respected teacher, the winner of numerous teaching awards in the Faculty of Medicine, where he has taught since 1975, and of the University's Rutherford Teaching Award. In 1999 he received the University's pre-eminent award recognizing excellence in both teaching and research, the University Cup. Dr. Tyrrell was awarded the Alberta Order of Excellence in 2000.

The dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Alberta since 1994, Dr. Tyrrell continues to work directly with patients and actively heads the respected Glaxo Wellcome Heritage Research Institute, originally created to support his hepatitis B research. In addition to his University awards, Dr. Tyrrell's contributions have been recognized with national and international awards, including the Prix Galien Canada from the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers of Canada and the Gold Medal of the Canadian Liver Foundation.



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PREVIOUS ALUMNI PRIDE AWARD RECIPIENTS

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Doris Anderson '45 BA, '73 LLD (Honorary)
Marjorie Bowker '38 BA, '39 LLB, '91 LLD (Honorary)
Joseph Charyk '42 BSc(Eng), '64 LLD (Honorary)
C. Joseph Clark '60 BA, '73 MA, '85 LLD (Honorary)
Patrick Doyle '47 BSc, '49 MD
Clare Drake '58 BED, '95 LLD (Honorary)
Lila Engberg '49 BSc(HEc)
Catherine A. Fraser '69 BA, '70 LLB
Eric Geddes '47 BCom, '80 LLD (Honorary)
Katherine Govier '70 BA
John Hagan '71 MA, '74 PhD
Jay D. Hair '75 PhD
Richard Haskayne '56 BCom, '96 LLD (Honorary)
Naomi Hersom '69 PhD, '92 LLD (Honorary)
Helen Huston '49 BSc, '51 MD, '85 LLD (Honorary)
Jay Ingram '67 BSc
Walter Kaasa, '51 BED, '93 DLitt (Honorary)
Egerton King '43 BSc(Eng), '88 DSc (Honorary)
Arthur Kroeger, '55 BA
Raymond Lemieux '43 BSc, '91 LLD (Honorary)
J. Wilton Littlechild '67 BPE, '75 MA, '76 LLB
Peter Loughheed '51 BA, '52 LLB, '86 LLD (Honorary)
Ernest McCoy '47 BSc, '49 MD
Beverley McLachlin '65 BA, '68 MA, '68 LLB, '91 LLD (Honorary)
David McLean '59 BA, '62 LLB, '94 LLD (Honorary)
Gerald Maier '51 BSc(Eng)
Roland Michener '20 BA, '67 LLD (Honorary)
Tevie Miller '49 BA, '50 LLB, '91 LLD (Honorary)
W.O. Mitchell '43 BA, '75 LLD (Honorary)
Barbara Paterson, '57 Dip(Arts), '88 BFA, '75 LLD (Honorary)
John Poole '37 BSc(Eng), '87 LLD (Honorary)
Stephen Ramsankar '61 BSc, '63 Bed, '89 LLD (Honorary)
Anatol Roshko '45 BSc(Eng)
Joseph Shoctor '45 BA, '46 LLB, '81 LLD (Honorary)
Glenda Simms '74 BED, '76 MED, '85 PhD, '95 LLD (Honorary)
Christopher Somerville '74 BSc, '76 MSc, '78 PhD, '97 DSc (Honorary)
Margaret Southern '53 BPE
Donald Stanley '40 BSc(Eng), '88 DSc (Honorary)
George Stanley '29 BA, '71 LLD (Honorary)

Robert Steadward '69 BPE, '71 MSc
Robert Stollery '49 BSc(Eng), '85 LLD (Honorary)
Don Tapscott '78 MED
Richard Taylor '50 BSc, '52 MSc, '91 LLD (Honorary)
Malcolm Urquhart '40 BA
Thomas Walsh '49 BA, '53 LLB, '89 LLD (Honorary)
Anne Wheeler '67 BSc, '90 LLD (Honorary)
Francis Winspear '51 LLD (Honorary)
Ovid Wong '70 BSc, '71 Dip(Ed)

ALUMNI HONOUR AWARD

Dennis Bedard, '76 BSc, '78 DDS
Joseph Leonard Cloutier, '87 BED, '90 MED, '97 PhD
Ralph Anderson Farvolden, '67 BA
Buckley Godwin, '54 BSc(Ag), '64 BED
Brian Hesje, '69 BED, '73 MBA
Cecilia Johnstone, '73 BA, '74 LLB
Louanne Keenan, '75 Dip(DentHyg), '81 BA, '95 MED
Philip Lachambre, '76 BCom
Patrick Lee, '70 BSc, '78 PhD
Mary Lobay, '63 BED, '66 MED, '92 LLD (Honorary)
William Stephen, '54 BCom
Elizabeth Webster, '80 BSc(Speech)

ALUMNI AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Edward B. Allan, '51 BCom
Julius Buski, '66 BED
William D. Grace, '56 BA
Beverley McLachlin, '65 BA, '68 MA, '68 LLB, '91 LLD (Honorary)
Jack Mintz, '73 BA

ALUMNI HORIZON AWARD

Malachy Carroll, '94 MSc
Byron Cassey, '92 BCom
Evan Chrapko, '88 BCom
Shane Chrapko, '90 BSc(Ag)
Carmen de Antoni, '90 BCom
Norm Gretzinger, '91 BCom
Tati Mei Chun Lee, '92 MED, '95 PhD
Robert Noce, '91 LLB
Val Pappes, '90 BCom

Alumni Pride Awards Thursday, 11 October 2001

4:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception
Myer Horowitz Theatre
Students' Union Building

5:15 p.m. Alumni Pride Awards Ceremony
Myer Horowitz Theatre
Students' Union Building

6:30 p.m. Post-Awards Reception
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Gerald Maier

A black and white portrait of Gerald Maier, a middle-aged man with short hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera.

making a

difference

at the University of Alberta

When Gerald Maier, '51 BSc(Eng), '99 LLD (Honorary), received his honorary degree at the University of Alberta's spring convocation in June 1999, he told the convocants in his address not to fear change. "You may be apprehensive about it, and you should respect it, but don't fear it."

Mr. Maier has embraced change in his own successful career, which began with Sun Oil Company in 1951. Two years later, he joined Hudson's Bay Oil and Gas Company (HBOG) and, after international executive postings with that company and CONOCO, he returned to HBOG in Calgary in 1976 as executive vice-president. In 1981 he was appointed CEO and chairman of the board. Following Dome's purchase of HBOG, he became president and CEO of Bow Valley Industries. In 1985 he joined TransCanada PipeLines as president and CEO.

In 1992, as chairman of TransCanada PipeLines, he helped orchestrate one of the largest mergers in Canadian history: the coming together of his company and Nova Corporation to create the fourth-largest energy services company in North America.

For his professional accomplishments, Mr. Maier, a winner of the U of A Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award, has received a wide variety of recognition, including the Canadian Council of Professional Engineer's Gold Medal Award and induction into the Canadian Petroleum Hall of Fame. He is also the winner of the 1999 Canadian Business Leader Award from the University of Alberta School of Business and has received similar awards from the University of Calgary and McGill University.

Through gifts of time and money, Mr. Maier has acknowledged the role that education has played in his success. He is chairman of the Board of Regents of Athol Murray College of Notre Dame in Wilcox, Saskatchewan, where he completed his high school, and he has been a generous benefactor to the University of Alberta. Recently, he has contributed a gift of \$1 million (which was matched by TransCanada PipeLines) to the Engineering and Teaching Learning Centre now under construction on campus. In recognition of that gift, a major component of that building will be named the Maier Learning Centre.

Through his generous commitment in support of teaching and learning in the Faculty of Engineering, Mr. Maier is truly making a difference at the University of Alberta.

You, too, can make a difference

Alumni support is important to the University's future. To discuss how you

can be part of the University's success, call Scott Smardon at (780) 492-3130.



U of A continues to lead the way

A new Ukrainian Centre opens up on campus

About 83,000 people living in Edmonton—13 per cent of the population—consider themselves to be of Ukrainian descent. To recognize the tremendous contributions of the early Ukrainian settlers who made their homes in Alberta, the University recently opened the Canadian Centre of Ukrainian Culture and Ethnography—the only centre of its kind in North America.

Located in the Arts building, the CCUCE will study Ukrainian culture in Canada with a focus on projects that help bridge contemporary North American social sciences with the established disciplines of ethnography and folklore in the Ukraine, says **Brian Cherwick**, '92 MA, '99 PhD, assistant director of the CCUCE.

Other strategic priorities for the CCUCE include developing the Ukrainian folklore program, sponsoring Ukrainian studies, and establishing learning resources for the Internet. The CCUCE will house an extensive archive collection and conduct field-work research. It will also support a

number of scholarships and awards as well as offer community outreach services.

"We've been a leader in the field of Ukrainian studies for a long time," says Ken Norrie, U of A dean of arts. Norrie speaks highly about the outstanding work that has been done in this area by the Ukrainian language program and the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies. Established in 1976, the CIUS is dedicated to the development of Ukrainian studies in Canada and internationally, and,

through the CIUS Press, more than 110 scholarly books have been published.

With the addition of the Ukrainian Centre on campus, Norrie says, "I'm sure we'll continue to be the leaders now that we've built this complete centre that will benefit our students and the greater community for many years to come."



The staff at the CCUCE at the May opening of the centre.

Something to get exCITED about

Comprehensive Web site is the result of a University of Alberta prof's frustrations with the shortcomings of available databases available online

Imagine a single academic database that allows you to search for all of the available research on a given topic. Not just journals, not just books, but publications of all types, including chapters in edited volumes, papers from conferences, reports and even conference presentations.

Michael Mauws, '97 PhD, a University of Alberta assistant

professor with the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation, has created such a Web site: www.getCITED.org. According to Mauws, the site is the

product of frustration he felt from the shortcomings of available database offerings. "Regardless of the type of search I was carrying out, I found myself getting frustrated by the fact that I had to

go to many different databases, depending upon whether it was books, articles or theses dissertations that I was after," he says.

Mauws, who is the recipient of his faculty's research award this year for his work studying organizations and management in sport and health settings, said that because of the interdisciplinary nature of his research, the number of databases he had to consult was "ridiculous." To make matters worse, Mauws knew of no database for searching the contents of edited books despite the fact that the Web sites he checked often contained the articles he was most



Michael Mauws

interested in finding.

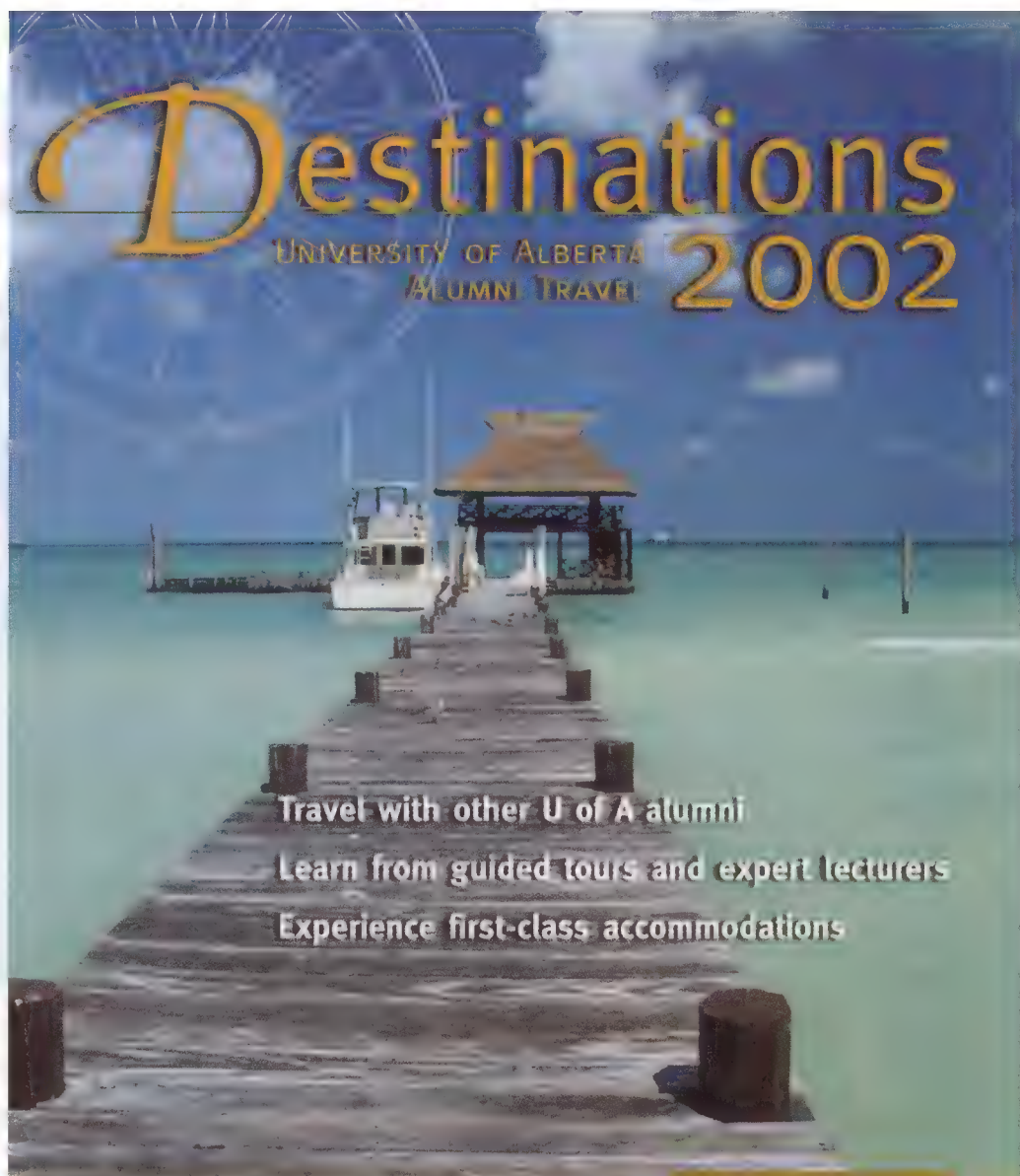
Wendy Rodgers, acting dean of the U of A Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation, says Mauws' Web site "has the potential to be a useful tool for disseminating research through its dual function as a means of recording one's own research publications as well as a place to search for others research."

Mauws' site allows users to click on a particularly interesting publication and then be able to view its bibliography, as well as having the ability to view each item in that bibliography. "The site exists to facilitate the dissemination and discussion of academic research. It has many features, but at its core are two main things: a database and a discussion forum. The database lets scholars and researchers decide what its content should be," Mauws says.

The site is based on the principle that the ultimate database can only be built with the efforts of the entire academic community and, for this reason, it allows any registered member to make changes to any item in its database. This leaves the site vulnerable to abuse and sabotage, a situation addressed in part by relying on members' reports and the use of an "audit trail" to record who has made changes to the record.

"Getting this site built has taken a lot longer than I imagined, I hope [users] agree it was time well spent," said Mauws. "I certainly can't take credit for everything, as the site has benefited enormously from the input of friends and colleagues."

— David Beharry



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How did you get my number?

Your privacy and the Alumni Association

Who has access to my information?

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Does the Alumni Association sell its list?

No, it does not. Although the Alumni Association does enter into partnerships to provide services to its members, no information is released to these partners. The University is at all times responsible for safeguarding your information.

What kinds of mail or calls can I expect?

The Alumni Association and the University occasionally contact alumni by mail and by phone with information on events, services, and opportunities for giving.

For example, *New Trail* is mailed out to all alumni, free of charge, for life. Invitations to reunions and events are also sent regularly.

As well, the Alumni Association does mail and phone alumni about our travel, insurance and credit card programs. The University's Student Calling Program has current students contacting alumni about news, events and fund-raising opportunities. Our office might also contact you if a former classmate would like to reconnect — again, your information is not released without your permission.

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Following the Footsteps of University of Alberta Alumni



Olga Power, 67 cm x 83 cm

Olga Power is the name of this oil painting by Australian artist **Monika Zechetmayr**, '80 PhD, who has captured these dome-shaped mountains, located in Central Australia about 26 kilometres west of Ulura, on canvas. "Though the Olgas are desert, I see the energies flowing to this rock formation, collecting within and then emerging in the cloud formation from the rocks," says Zechetmayr. A former assistant professor at Penn State University, Zechetmayr says of her life as a painter, "what began as a stress release is now a full-time career." To see more of her paintings visit monzec.netfirms.com/.

REFLECTIONS

Fall... the University of Alberta comes alive at this time of year and interestingly, so do a lot of other things. Although fall is generally the time for nature to slow down and brace for the cold of winter, it is also the time when school starts, people return from summer vacations, and the work world returns to "normal."



For your Alumni Association this is also the lead up to Reunion Weekend, the largest single annual alumni event. This year it runs from 11 to 14 October and includes something for everyone. A football game against the dreaded University of Calgary Dinosaurs is scheduled for Saturday, 13 October, and all alumni are invited to attend. The game will take place at the new Foote Field, a tremendous multi-purpose athletic complex named for an outstanding University of Alberta alumnus, **Eldon Foote**, '45 BSc, '48 LLB.

Another great event is the Alumni Pride Awards. This evening allows your Alumni Association, jointly with the University's Students' Union, to recognize many of the University of Alberta's accomplished alumni. Elsewhere in this magazine you will find articles profiling this year's award recipients and describing the fascinating things they have done since graduation. Two years ago the Alumni Association expanded the awards to include categories that acknowledge a broader range of alumni and their achievements. We rely on you to help us identify our alumni. With your nominations we can ensure that all deserving alumni are recognized. All of us have friends from the University of Alberta who have gone on to do tremendous things with their lives. One of the interesting things is that many award recipients were not the academic overachievers. They are the ones who balanced both scholastic endeavors with social exploits. They have used their talents to enhance their lives and the lives of others. I have always been amazed at the successes my fraternity brothers have achieved in both their careers and their personal lives. We have all traveled a long way from the living room couch at the fraternity house. Give it some thought. Nominate one of your outstanding classmates for an alumni award. We'll all be better for it!

D. Bruce Bentley, '80 BCom
Alumni Council President

SALUTE TO VOLUNTEERS

The year 2001 is a year of celebrations at St. Joseph's College, which is celebrating its 75th Anniversary on campus. Right in the middle of the action is Father **Jim Stenberg**, '92 BSc, who was ordained into the priesthood at Edmonton's St. Anthony's Church on 16 March 2001.

Jim, who works closely with the St. Joseph's College Alumni Association, is busy volunteering his time to helping organize all the festivities associated with St. Joseph's special diamond anniversary year. Jim is actively recruiting volunteers to work on a variety of events, including the silent auction (which will be held on 27 October in conjunction with the gala dinner and dance) and providing moral support. Jim is playing an instrumental role in getting everything organized and ready for this big event.

Jim is also involved in other activities at the College. He is currently working to facilitate the completion of renovations to the College and to coordinate the smooth operations of daily administration while the other Basilian Fathers are away.



**Smile—
you're on
the Web!**

At many alumni branch events and activities you may just see a representative from the office walking around with a camera taking pictures. To view these photographs visit the University of Alberta Alumni Association's Web site at www.ualberta.ca/alumni

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Free Bears and Pandas Game with Alumni ONEcard

The University of Alberta Department of Athletics is extending a free night of intervarsity sports to any alumnus with an Alumni ONEcard. Come out Saturday, 3 November and watch the Golden Bears hockey team play against the University of Brandon, or the Bears and Pandas volleyball squads playing the University of Calgary Dinos, on the house.

Don't have your ONEcard yet? Alumni ONEcards are available from the ONEcard Office located in the basement of the Cameron Library for a one-time set-up charge of \$12. Or come to the game on 3 November, and there will be an Alumni Association table set up where you can get

your card that same night.

In addition to free Bears and Pandas games, your Alumni ONEcard entitles you to discounted University recreational facilities use, discounts on merchandise and general reading from the U of A Bookstore, and more.

For more information, call the Alumni Office or browse over to <http://www.ualberta.ca/alumni/services/onecard.html>



[ca/alumni/services/onecard.html](http://www.ualberta.ca/alumni/services/onecard.html) or turn to page 49.

It's a kickoff for the opening of Alumni Lounge

The ongoing contributions of alumni to the University of Alberta will receive lasting recognition in the University's new Foote Field, located next to the Edmonton Research Station, otherwise known as the University Farm.

Thanks to a recent agreement between the Alumni Association and the Faculty of Physical Education and

Recreation, the lounge area at the field will be known as the University of Alberta Alumni Lounge.

The University's new Foote Field, a major legacy of the recent IAAF World Championships held in

Alumni Events

All alumni are invited to attend!

Unless otherwise listed, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at (780) 492-3224 or 1-800-661-2593 (toll-free in North America) or e-mail alumni@ualberta.ca.

Branches

Vancouver, B.C.

16 September 2001

Waterfall Cruise and Brunch

25 November 2001

Annual Alumni Christmas Celebration

Contact: Mary Ann Moffat-Meder (604) 737-0554

Toronto, Ontario

20 September 2001

After Work Reception at Royal York Hotel

Guest speaker: Michael Percy, Dean, School of Business
Contact: Garret Poston at garrett_poston@monitor.com

Palo Alto, California

26 September 2001

All-Canadian Alumni Reception hosted by the Alberta Government and the Canadian Consulate
Guest speaker: Dr. Rod Fraser, U of A President

Kelowna, B.C.

28 September 2001

U of A Bears and Pandas Volleyball Game and Reception
Contact: Maribeth Knowler at rapunzel@silk.net

Twin Cities, Minnesota

4 October 2001

Canadian Thanksgiving Gathering
All-Canadian Event

Hosted by U of A
Contact: Dawne White at Dwhite@girlschoutscv.org

Seattle, Washington

5 October 2001

All-Canadian Alumni "Celebrate the Relationship" Canadian-America Society and Canadian Consulate General Gala Dinner and Dance with U of A Alumni
Private reception planned

New York, New York

18 October 2001

All-Canadian Alumni Dinner at the Penn Club
Contact: Marilyn Parker at parkerma@juno.com

Winnipeg, Manitoba

27 October 2001

U of A Pandas and Bears Volleyball Game and Reception

Edmonton, features two separate athletic fields on either side of a multi-purpose indoor facility. It will be used by a number of University and community athletic teams and is the new home of several University teams, including the Golden Bear football team.

Located in the central multi-use facility, the Alumni Lounge boasts a panoramic end-zone view of the football field and will be unveiled in conjunction with the Reunion 2001 football game.

Scheduled for Saturday, 13 October, that game pits the Golden Bears against their arch-rivals, the University of Calgary Dinos.

All alumni are invited to take part in the festivities surrounding the game. The Alumni Association's tailgate party gets underway at noon, and the game itself is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m.

For more information or to

book tickets for the tailgate party (\$12.50 per person, game admission included), phone (780) 492-6530.

Your privacy and the Alumni Association

The Alumni Association wants to remind alumni that personal information is treated with the utmost care, and that alumni are welcome at any time to contact the office with questions or to fine-tune the kind of contact received from the University of Alberta.

It has been a long-standing policy of both the University and the Alumni Association that only people working with alumni for the University, and those who have signed a non-disclosure agreement, have access to personal information. For example, if a 'long-lost classmate' calls wanting to contact another

fellow graduate, the Alumni Office will gladly act as an intermediary to pass along a letter or e-mail, but will never give out personal information without permission.

Similarly, the Alumni Association has entered into partnerships with a variety of companies to provide alumni with services such as life, home and auto insurance, affinity credit cards and travel, and to provide revenue that helps the Alumni Association subsidize its programs, such as reunions, online services, student scholarships, and international branch activities. But personal information is never released directly to our partner companies; it is at all times kept under the care of the University of Alberta.

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REUNIONS

Reunion 2001 will be held from 11 to 14 October 2001. The following classes are holding reunions at times other than Reunion 2001.

Year & Class/Date/Place/Contact:

'56 Nursing(Dip)/ 12-14 October/ Kananaskis/Joan Townend

'76 Medicine/ November/Playa Del Carmen, Mexico/ Wayne Pisesky

'91and '92 Civil Eng/15 September/ Tom Lassu, Brad Currie

'91 Elec Eng/22 September/ Edmonton/Maureen Graham

'91 Medicine/ 21-23 September/ Kananaskis/Richard Martin

Recky Reunion—Where are you?

A 25th Anniversary of the Red Deer College Recreation Administration diploma and the University of Alberta transfer program is being planned to take place in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary ARPA Conference (25-27 October in Red Deer). For information contact Darrel Morrow at (403) 342-3463 or e-mail darrel.morrow@rdc.ab.ca or Sherry Scheunert (Kennedy) at (403) 347-7434 or e-mail scheuken@cnet.com

Contact: Jim Rae at
jimrae@escape.ca

Calgary, Alberta 3 November 2001

U of A Pandas and Bears
Basketball Game and Reception
for '81 to '01 graduates

Lethbridge, Alberta 16 November 2001

U of A Pandas and Bears
Basketball Game and Reception
Contact: Beth Cook at
rmcb@home.com

Victoria, B.C. December 2001

Annual Christmas Event
Watch the mail for detail!

Chapters

Medical Alumni Association 12 October 2001

U of A MAA Annual Dinner
Hotel Macdonald

School of Library and Information Studies

For information contact Margaret
Rutherford by e-mail at
mrutherford@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca

6 October 2001

Annual Homecoming Alumni
Champagne Brunch
Honouring the Class of '76
Student Lounge, Library School

St. Joseph's College Alumni Association

For information contact (780) 492-
7681 or e-mail alumsjc@ualberta.ca

27 October 2001

St. Joseph's College 75th
Anniversary Celebration Gala
Dinner, Auction, and Dance
Westin Hotel
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Other

Boston, Massachusetts

All-Canadian Pub Night
Last Thursday of every month
John Harvard's Brew House
Contact jmuzzin@yahoo.com

Denver, Colorado

All-Canadian Pub Night
Last Thursday of every month
Rock Bottom Pub and Restaurant

Phoenix, Arizona

All-Canadian Pub Night
First Thursday of every month
Four Peaks Brewery
Information at the Web site:
www.tripod.com/queensalumniaz

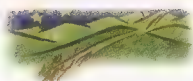
Seattle, Washington

All-Canadian Pub Night
Last Thursday of every month
Tir Na Nog Restaurant and
Brewery

Alumni — it's time to start curling!

Alumni of all ages are invited to join in the curling action at an Alumni Curling Bonspiel to be held on Saturday, 20 October, at the Balmoral Curling Club. For those who would like to get more involved, there is an alumni curling league starting on 7 November. This league will meet every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. for five weeks. For more information or to register, contact Derek Shybunka in the Office of Alumni Affairs at (780) 492-2515; e-mail derek.shybunka@ualberta.ca.





Taking fine art to the limit

Award-winning artists use a multimedia approach

by Charlene Rooke

Speaking to Janet Cardiff, '83 MA , and George Burës Miller, on the telephone, you might try to piece together aural clues to their lives the same way you'd decipher one of their multimedia artworks. Close your eyes and imagine their home and studio in Berlin where they are visiting artists, and how their lives have changed since being transplanted from Lethbridge a year ago. Cardiff's voice is surprisingly low, but gentle—almost a monotone; Miller's has a slightly nasal quality, which could be a remnant of his native Albertan twang (or a vestige of the sore throat he's nursing).

Submerge yourself in those voices, and you'll detect a note of wonder and also one of fatigue, following a two-month stretch in which the couple garnered three prestigious international art prizes

and were catapulted from the quiet artist's life into the spotlight.

The couple's ambitious sound, video, and multimedia installations have been tagged "audio art" "intermedia" or "interactive sculpture." To Cardiff, the guiding principle behind the work is simple: "We want people to become very aware of their senses," she says, alluding to an immersive quality that might require participants to wear headphones, view film clips, or walk through a constructed environment. Cardiff and Miller often use a technique called binaural recording, in which microphones are placed in both ears while recording an exhibition's soundtrack on location, to replicate exactly what the visitor will hear. In a modern world where we are bombarded

and desensitized by the chaos around us, Cardiff and Miller's work reminds us how to be hyperaware, hypersensitive—and perhaps hypersceptical.

The Paradise Institute, the couple's recent triumph at the prestigious Venice Biennale art show, was a characteristic example: visitors to the Canadian pavilion at the Venice event entered a boxy plywood structure with a mini-theatre constructed inside, and watched a film while wearing headphones that played both the movie soundtrack and ambient noise—the munch of popcorn, a whisper in the ear, a cellphone ringing—which drew them into a story parallel to the one on the screen. Reportedly, people left the Canadian pavilion in an almost dazed, hypnotic state, happy but a little puzzled at the layers of illusion and reality they'd just experienced. This delights Miller, who likens the experience to a Disneyland ride. "It's totally entertaining and fun—much more so than what people think of as fine art—but some people are scared; they want to get out."

"We want people to become very aware of their senses."

— Janet Cardiff

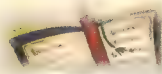


Janet Cardiff and George Burës Miller pose in the gardens of Venice's Biennale arts exhibition

Others lined up for hours, some to experience it more than once. The work was a critical and popular hit and nailed two major prizes, La Biennale di Venezia Special Award and the cash Benesse Prize from a Japanese corporation. This, coming on the heels of Cardiff's winning the \$50,000 Millennium Prize from the government of Canada last April for her audio installation *Forty Part Motet*, has made the couple art celebrities. Cardiff says, "Venice was quite amazing in terms of the media, the lineups, the attention." However she hastens to point out it's a temporary distraction, because to be an artist is "still an isolated, intellectual pursuit."

Cardiff and Miller met at the University of Alberta, where Cardiff, a Brussels, Ontario, native had come

CP Picture Archive (Francesco Proietti)



bookmarks

to complete a master's degree in printmaking and Miller, who was born in Vegreville, Alberta, was an undergraduate art student. It was during those campus years that they first collaborated, on a short film that contained some of the themes that still twine through their work: a film-noir-ish detective narrative; a sci-fi-ish manipulation of time; an attempt to immerse the senses and even throw them off-balance. ("It was a really bad film," Miller notes sardonically.) Musing on her U of A influences, Cardiff says, "The way I layer sound is very similar to a printmaking or silkscreening approach."

Today, the couple works both together and solo. For instance, Miller often acts as audio technician on Cardiff's celebrated "audio walks," intimate, interactive guided tours through the forests of Banff and Sweden or the urban environs of the Museum of Modern Art or London's Whitechapel Library. On a project like that, "there's one boss," Cardiff says firmly. But their joint works are "truly collaborative" in all aspects, they say, although Miller allows, "Janet is more the scriptwriter, and I'm more the sculptor, creating the physical environment." The Venice exhibition involved "all the jobs of a film crew, as well as basically building a house" Miller says, only modestly alluding to the ambitious scale of the work.

For the moment, the couple cannot see their work soon taking them back to Lethbridge, where until last year Cardiff was an instructor at the University of Lethbridge. Although they love the city and maintain their home there, it is apparent that their work has become international. As artists, the two profess to be interested in "hybrids," works that merrily cross disciplines and genres. "Art is like science," says Cardiff. "It's ever-changing; it's not a static discipline." Like their art, the couple are hybrids themselves. The products of solid Canadian stock and an artistic parentage that transcends place, Cardiff and Miller are creating a unique variety of art that is flourishing in the international field. ■

Penelope's Way

Blanche Howard, '44 BSc

In this novel of love, family, friends, and aging, Howard tells the story of Penelope Stevens, who at 70, seeks out the meaning of life despite illness and danger. Critic Eliza Clark writes, "This novel spirals in a beautiful whirl of both cosmic and earthly concerns." (Coteau Books)



Tiger Beetles of Alberta

John Acorn, '80 BSc, '88 MSc

Acorn opens the door to the fascinating world of tiger beetles and gives tips on where to find these colorful creatures. His book explores the names, habitats, and distinguishing marks of each of the 19 species of these beetles found across Alberta. (University of Alberta Press)

The Fifth Horseman

Richard Sherbaniuk, '76 BA

In this techno-thriller, genetically modified organisms become weapons of mass destruction for a terrorist biological warfare conspiracy. It's up to eco-cop Michael Zammit to stop the poisoning organism before all-out war in the Middle East becomes inevitable. Booklist calls the novel "a gripping, fast-moving, realistic caper." (Forge)



NeXtFest Anthology

Edited by Glenda Stirling, '97 BA

Celebrating the first five years of the Syncrude NeXt Generation Arts Festival, this is a compilation of five plays by Edmonton playwrights, most of whom are U of A alumni. Featuring introductions to each play, the book includes a brief history of NeXtFest. (NeWest Press)



Remembering Generations

Ashraf H.A. Rushdy, '84 BA, '85 MA

Throughout this book, Rushdy explores the enduring effects of slavery on today's African Americans and how post-civil-rights-movement novels address family secrets, race, and memory. (University of Alberta Press)



Negative Capability

Richard Davies, '71 BA, '72 Dip(Ed), '79 Dip(Ed)

Davies presents a collection of personal poetry based on John Keats' notion of "negative capability," or peaceful living amidst uncertainty and doubt. (Scan Copy Print Inc.)



A Present for Mrs. Kazinski

Marilynn Reynolds (Lloyd), '61 BA

Sunday is Mrs. Kazinski's 80th birthday and young Frank wants to find the best birthday present in the world for his dear friend. He gets good ideas from other tenants in the rooming house, but it isn't until he plays with the cat who lives under the porch that Frank realizes what would make the perfect birthday gift. (Orca Book Publishers)



Head-Dress of the Canadian Mounted Police 1873-2000

James Boulton, '61 BSc, '65 MD

Boulton examines the headwear history of Canada's national police force, the British Army, and the Canadian Militia. With more than 500 photographs, this volume contains a detailed survey of badges, helmet plates, and headdress buttons. (Bunker to Bunker Publishing)

Notebook for Saint Nicholas

Peter Jancewicz, '97 PhD

Jancewicz's first music book is a collection of 15 intermediate-level Christmas carols for piano arranged in various classical forms used by many of the great composers. This book captures the spirit of the season and attracts young musicians to classical styles and composers. (Alfred Publishing Co.)



Salamander

Thomas Wharton, '91 BA, '93 MA

Set in the 18th Century, *Salamander* revolves around a world-spanning quest for the infinite book, and it combines history, magic, and human desire in a narrative as sinuous as its central image, the salamander of myth and reality. (See page 45.)





classnotes

'49 Adrian Berry, BEd, of Meeting Creek, Alberta, writes, "The last publication of my name in the *New Trail* Class Notes resulted in a heart-warming phone call and letter from a friend of the 1930s. Anyone else? Please go to www.excelir.ca/adrian_berry."

'58 Alexander Gourley, BCom, of Edmonton, assumed the position of chief executive officer at the software company Roam I.T. Corporation in May.

'62 Margaret Hicks (Morris), BSc(MedLabSci), of Red Deer, retired as housing coordinator for the Handicapped Housing Society of Alberta in December 2000. She continues to work as a project archivist for the Red Deer and District Archives.

Sylvia Lozynsky (Komarnisky), BA, recently retired from her career in rehabilitation as a psychologist assistant and a special education teacher. Sylvia lives in Red Deer with her husband, Igor, and she enjoys volunteering and spending time with her grandchildren.

Norbert Schmidtke, BSc(Eng), of Plattsville, Ontario, is "calling all 1962 civil grads!" Norbert is helping organize a class reunion for next year. "Imagine, 40 years!" Norbert asks classmates to send him an e-mail so he can send them reunion news as it develops. His e-mail is norbert@sentex.net.

'63 Esther Ondrack (Nielsen), BA, of Spruce Grove, Alberta, the senior vice-president of Chieftain

International Inc., was elected chair of the board of directors for the United Way of Alberta Capital Region for a one-year term in May.

'64 Helen Pierce MEd, '60 BEd, '57 Dip(Ed), is retired and living in a seniors' retirement home in St. Albert, Alberta.

Harvey Anderson, BSc(Ag), '66 MSc, recently received a five-year US \$500,000 grant from Bristol-Myers Squibb/Mead Johnson for nutrition research. Harvey, a professor in the nutritional sciences department in the Faculty of Medicine at the U of Toronto, has played a central role in giving nutrition and diets a significant place in medical science and education. Funding from the grant will further his work in major areas of the department's nutrition research, including how diet may affect growth and prevent chronic disease in children and young adults and how dietary nutrients and genetics may cause or help prevent some cancers.



'65 Emery Dosdall, BEd, of Edmonton, was elected recently as the first vice-chair of the board of directors for the United Way of Alberta Capital Region for the 2001-2002 term.

Lloyd Osler, BSc(Eng), chair and founder of Roam I.T. Corp., moves from

the position of CEO to chief software architect to guide developments, including hand-held computer applications.

'66 Patricia Brooks-Allen (Smith), BSc(HEC), married Mark Allen in May. The ceremony was in Calgary.

'68 Edward Holdaway, PhD, professor emeritus of educational policy studies at the U of A, was awarded an honorary fellowship by the Australian Council for Educational Administration at the Australian Education Assembly in Melbourne in April. This award recognized his contributions to the study of educational administration, his publication record, his contributions to the advancement of postgraduate study, and his substantial involvement with many of the 89 Australian and New Zealand students who obtained postgraduate degrees in educational administration at the U of A from 1968 until 1999.

'68 Claudette Roy (Leroux), BEd, of Edmonton, was recently appointed a member of the Order of Canada. Claudette served on Alumni Council as a representative for Faculté Saint-Jean from 1996 to 1999.

'70 Gladys Whyte (Puk), BSc(Pharm), was recently installed as president of the Alberta College of Pharmacists for a one-year term. Gladys is a pharmacist at the Tofield Health Centre in Tofield, Alberta.

'73 Octavie L'Hirondelle-Callihoo, BEd, of Edmonton, was a re-

Marcia Boyd, '69 DDS, was recently presented with the Dental Alumni Association's 2001 Outstanding Achievement Award. Marcia is currently the associate dean, academic, in the Faculty of Dentistry at UBC. She has also served on a number of provincial, national, and international councils and committees over the course of her distinguished career.



cent recipient of a Mentor/Lifetime Achievement Award at the Circle of Honour Esquao Awards for Aboriginal women.

William Keech, BSc, of Calgary, was appointed regional director, group insurance and pension sales, Western Canada with Standard Life in April.

'74 Robert Rowand, BA, of Burlington, Ontario, was recently appointed as partner to lead the health-care and academic health sciences executive search practice for Landmark Consulting Group Inc.

Terry Krauss, BSc, '78 MSc, of Red Deer, was recently appointed vice-president, meteorology at Weather Modifications Inc. In his new position, Terry will oversee all meteorologists



in WMI's worldwide operations. Since joining WMI in 1996, Terry has been the project manager on both the Alberta Hail Suppression project, based in Calgary and Red Deer, and the Argentine Hail Suppression project, based in Mendoza, Argentina.

Geoffrey Tate, BSc, is now living in California's Silicon Valley near Palo Alto with his wife and three kids, who range in age from 12 to 17. Geoffrey is the CEO of Rambus, a public company doing high bandwidth chip connections, used in the Sony Playstation 2 and elsewhere.

'75 Trevor Boddy, BA, of Vancouver, won the Best Arts and Culture Feature Story 2000 Prize from the Western Magazine Foundation for his *Georgia Straight* cover story "The Californication of British Columbia." His critical biography, *The Architecture of Douglas Cardinal*, was named the Alberta Book of the Year for 1991. Trevor is currently writing essays on modernism under a \$34,000

John Bassie, '49 BA, '50 LLB, of Edmonton, celebrated his 50th anniversary as a lawyer in June, a milestone that, according to the Law Society of Alberta, only 14 of its 6,700 members have achieved.

John, a self-described, "poor man's lawyer," says he can't begin to count the number of people that he has defended for free. But then, he says, money has never been his concern. "I like to help people, that's why I do what I do."

John decided to become a lawyer when he was growing up during the Depression in Ironsdale, Alberta, and the police almost charged his father with a crime that he didn't commit. John knew his father wouldn't be able to afford a lawyer. "I wanted to

be a lawyer so I could defend these people," he says. But before attending the U of A, John joined the air force and fought in the Second World War, flying missions over Europe in the back of fighter planes as an

air gunner, a job John says, "had an average life span of eight minutes." He survived and received a distinguished flying medal for his efforts. When he returned home from the War in 1945, John hit the books to finish high school so he could enter the U of A to complete his law degree.

Fifty years later, John is still busy working. "I love the law," says John, who has refused appointments to the bench, preferring to help those who come to his law office on 97th Street.



John Bassie with his wife, Sylvia, and three of their 12 grandchildren.

Canada Council grant that he was awarded in 2001.

Kathleen Davidson (Forcadas), Dip(Ed), of San Diego, married Charles Davidson, a U.S. Navy captain (retired), in August 1999. Kathleen works as a school psychologist with the San Diego Unified School District.

Harold Kvisle, BSc(Eng), of Calgary, was recently appointed president and CEO of TransCanada PipeLines.

'76 Marlene Graham, LLB, a Calgary lawyer, was recently appointed chair of the Alberta Research Council board of directors. Marlene is the MLA for Calgary-Lougheed.

Robert Phillips, LLB, '71 BSc(Eng), was recently appointed by EPCOR Utilities Inc. as a director of the corporation. Robert is the president of R.L. Phillips Investments Inc., a private investment firm in Vancouver.

'77 Ellen Hughes, BSc(MedLabSci), '93 MEd, of Edmonton, was recently appointed dean of the School of Health Sciences and the School of Hospitality at NAIT. Ellen has held senior positions at NAIT for more than 20 years.



It's a whole family of U of A alumni. **Michael Dzwiniel**, '66 BSc, '68 MSc, and his wife, **Rita Dzwiniel**, '85 BEd, saw the last of their five children graduate from the U of A this spring. Pictured from left to right are **Michael**, **Tabytha Dzwiniel**, '99 BEd, who studied at Faculté Saint-Jean, **Tara Dzwiniel**, '97 BSc, who went on to receive a master's degree from McGill, **Rita**, **Tiffanie Dzwiniel**, '98 BA, **Rebecca Dzwiniel**, '01 BSc(Ag), and **Trevor Dzwiniel**, '93 BSc, '99 PhD.

'78 Lorimer Dawson, LLB, of Edmonton, was recently appointed to the board of directors of modular-home manufacturer Winalta Inc. Lorimer is a managing partner of the law firm McCuaig Desrochers.

Dwayne Kalynchuk, BSc(Eng), '91 MSc(Eng), was appointed treasurer on the United Way of Alberta Capital Region board of directors in May for a one-year term. Dwayne is the general

manager of planning and engineering for the City of St. Albert.

Peter Moleschi, BSc(Pharm), writes he is "working harder than ever" at the Vegreville Value Drug Mart. His wife, Maxine, runs "the best gift store in town" called Cherub's Garden, located in a turn-of-the-century Victorian house. "I mow the grass and take out the boxes and change the lightbulbs." Peter started his term as deputy governor for the Kinsmen Club of his zone on Canada Day.

Kurt Paterson, BCom, was appointed general manager, Edmonton region, for the Alberta Motor Association in March.

'79 Wayne Alford, BA, '82 LLB, '96 MBA, '97 LLM, of Calgary, was appointed director, enforcement, for the Alberta Securities Commission in April.

Dean Slater, BSc(Eng), was recently elected the 2001 president of the Calgary Construction Association, one of Canada's largest and most active associations with about 500 member firms. Dean is vice-president, commercial operations for CANA Construction Co. Ltd., a construction management and general contractor based in Calgary.

'80 Sid Dykstra, BSc(Eng), of Calgary, was recently appointed CEO of OPTI Canada Inc. Previously, Sid was the president of Hunt Oil Company of Canada.

'82 Scott Garvey, BCom, of Toronto, was recently appointed president of Canadian operations for DMR Consulting, a global provider of consulting services and technology-based business solutions.

Ken Davidson, LLB, '79 BA, recently joined the Edmonton law firm of Miller Thomson LLP as a partner.

Ulrich Stempel, PhD, '75 BA, has moved overseas to Berlin and has acquired a home in the city's beautiful green belt. Ulrich is the deputy director in the Directorate General for External Affairs, Federal Government Press and Information Office. He is in charge of EU issues and bilateral Franco-German relations. "With best greetings to Edmonton and my old alma mater."

'83 Hazel Corcoran, BA, is amused to note that her husband **Michael Lamoureux**, '82 BSc, "somehow failed to mention" in the "Class Notes" of Spring 2001—which included Hazel and Michael side by side—that they are married and living together in Calgary with their children, Gabrielle and Alexandre.

Mark Lesniewski, BSc, '85 Cert(Sc), was appointed actuarial consultant at the Calgary office of Hewitt Associates Canada in June.

'84 Ellen Aitken (Luscombe), MLS, of Regina, has been a teacher-librarian within the Regina Public School System for 15 years. "I enjoy working with the students and staff at two public schools: W.H. Ford School and McDermid School. A very challenging job."

'85 Mark Buski, BCom, after spending several years managing a construction company in Edmonton, has embarked on a new career as an investment representative with Edward Jones in Whitecourt, Alberta.

'86 E. Blair Lockhart, MSc, is a general counsel for EPI Environmental Products Inc. in Vancouver.

Joe Tabler, BSc (Pharm), of Red Deer, was awarded the Alberta College of Pharmacists 2001 Whitehall-Robins Bowl of Hygieia. The award is given to a pharmacist with an outstanding record of community service.

'87 Greg Penney, BA, of St. Albert, Alberta, was recently elected president of the Forest Industry Suppliers and Loggers Association. Greg is a human resources specialist with David Aplin & Associates.

'88 Robert Morin, BA, is an owner of a mid-sized environmental firm in Calgary. Robert and his wife, Lori-Ann, celebrated the birth of their first child, Annik Marielle, in January.

John Putters, BA, was recently appointed president of New Media. Previously he was president of New Media's wholly-owned subsidiary, CSM systems. CSM develops and sells proprietary e-commerce technology. John lives in Sherwood Park, Alberta.



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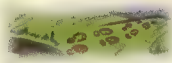


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Kevin Rokosh, BSc(Eng), after 12 years in Ottawa, has retired from his job at NAV Canada. "The medical career of my wife, Ella, has brought us back to sunny Alberta, and I'll be house dad to our two children for a while."

'89 Bonnie Stowkowy (Oxamitny), MBA, '80 BSc, '80 BSc(Eng), vice-president of environment and regulatory policy at the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association, was recently appointed to the Commission for Environmental Cooperation. As a member of the Canadian National Advisory Committee, Bonnie will provide advice to Canada's minister of environment on the environmental provisions of NAFTA. She also serves on the Senate and Board of Governors at the U of Calgary and enjoys meeting the faculty and students "who are getting younger every year!"

Valerie Redekopp (Larabie), BSc(Speech), of St. Albert, Alberta, has three boys (aged two, five, and seven) and is working as a speech language pathologist for Edmonton Public Schools.

'90 Krista Connell, MHSA, lives in Halifax with her husband, Dean. Krista is the executive director of the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation and also teaches part-time at the School of Physiotherapy at Dalhousie U.

Kevin McKee, BCom, became a partner at Avison Young Commercial Real Estate in Edmonton in January 2001.

'91 James DuBarry, BCom, reports that after enjoying two years in Toronto, he has returned to Edmonton to become the president and a director of Tetratel Inc., a publicly traded laser technology company. In April, James and his wife, Amel, had a son, Jordan Clark.

'92 Helen Buchanan (Szaszuiwicz), BPE, of Calgary is married to **Ian Buchanan**, '96 BSc(Eng).

Steven Connors, LLB, '89 BA, of Edmonton, is a new member of the Browlee Fryett Litigation Group. Steven is the editor of Brownlee Fryett's litigation newsletter, *Barrister's Briefs*.

Daniel Peskett, LLB, '88 BSc, is a new partner at the Edmonton law firm of Brownlee Fryett, where he is a member of the firm's litigation group.

'93 Russell Elgert, BCom, is a commercial lender in Fort McMurray, Alberta. He is still writing aphorisms, and sent one of his recent ones:

*If you want to experience
The enduring riddle of man
Do whatever you please
And hold-out as long as you can.*

At an age when most people are either well into retirement or giving it serious thought, 70-year-old **Albert Karvonen**, '60 BEd, '66 MEd, is successfully dreaming up more ways to keep working.

Karvonen, who lives in Amisk, Alberta, located roughly 15-km east of Boyle, is the founder and president of Karvonen Films Ltd., a 25-year-old Edmonton company which has produced award-winning nature films for many networks, including CBC, CTV, Discovery Channel (U.S. and Canada), Finnish Broadcasting, and the BBC. Among the company's TV series are *Wilderness Journeys*,

ing in the Pacific off the coast of Baja, bald eagles soaring in Alaska, and the interaction between wolves and wapiti in Yellowstone and Jasper National Parks.

Karvonen's passion for nature began when he was growing up on a farm in northeastern Alberta. But it wasn't until after he bought that first camera and began spending his free time filming what he loved that his passion began to overtake his life.

"I had a beautiful job, a great staff, I enjoyed my principalship, and I had a great relationship with Edmonton Public," he recalls. "But I



Karvonen Films

Wild Encounters, Treasures of the Wild, and In Wildness.

A teacher and elementary school principal for 23 years, Karvonen was inspired to buy his first camera, for still photos, while taking a science course from the late **Cy Hampson**, '43 BA, '65 PhD, at the U of A more than 40 years ago.

"He showed me all these beautiful nature pictures he was taking," Karvonen recalls. "I got a camera and started taking pictures of grouse."

That was in 1958. Since then, Karvonen has taken photos, slides, and film of everything from caribou in the High Arctic to wildebeest in Kenya. He's captured, on film, bears catching salmon in B.C., grey whales frolick-

ing thought, 'wouldn't it be nice to get away from my job and do what I'd really like to do for the rest of my life, work on natural history films?'"

In 1975, when Karvonen quit his job, he and his wife, Pirkko, who was working as a weaver, had five children and a paid-up mortgage. That turned out to be a good thing, because Karvonen's first foray into full-time filmmaking—going on the road for the Audubon Society, narrating films—was anything but lucrative. "I couldn't make a living," he says. "The pay was so poor you couldn't exist."

But he brought his cameras on all 140 Audubon trips he took and collected a variety of moving and still

images, which he used to make educational films. From there he moved to commercial films for television.

Karvonen's first motion picture camera cost \$1,600. The comparable camera, new, today, goes for about \$250,000—one reason it would be much harder to break into the business now. But, Karvonen says, anyone with a passion will find a way to make it work.

"The first thing you need to do is get out into the woods, or the prairie, or the Arctic and sense nature and try to do something with it," he says. "If you have no desire to really, really be with nature and to seek out bears or seek out elephants, you're not going to be able to hack it because nature filming is, in itself, basically patience and waiting. These are not paid actors. You cannot get animals to do what you want unless you have zoo animals. We believe strongly in filming animals in their natural habitat, their natural homes."

And if that means getting up-close-and-personal with grizzlies and black bears, so be it. "I appreciate their strength and understand that if they decided to go for me they could probably kill me with one swat," he says. "I guess that's one of my strengths. I have this connection with nature. I go out there and try to be one with the environment."

And he strives to make films that will show others how precious that environment is. "We want our films to raise the awareness of the public with respect to the environment or animals or air or water," he says. "How can you protect something if you don't understand what the prairies and the forest are all about? We are all about developing passions for the natural world."

— Deborah Waldman

SCRAPBOOK



1. **Garth Fryett**, '48 BSc, '52 LLB, and **Bob Edgar** '55 BSc(Pharm), both former presidents on the Alumni Association, catch up and share stories at the Alumni Association AGM held in May.

2. Alumni and friends gathered at an alumni brunch held in April at the Uplands Golf and Country Club in Victoria.

3. Palm trees, cappuccinos, and gelati—alumni enjoyed them all as they soaked up the sun in Italy's Magnificent Lake District in July. The trip was one of the "Alumni College Abroad" offerings that are part of the Alumni Association's travel program.

4. Calgary branch president **Keith Sveinson**, '57 BSc(Ag), gets wrapped up in the activities at the annual alumni event at Spruce Meadows.

5. Alumni branch presidents who attended a seminar in June at the U of A take time to pose for a photo.

6. On 2 June, the School of Library and Information Studies hosted an Alumni Reunion Dinner at the Faculty Club. More than 100 alumni, faculty members, and friends were in attendance.



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Michael Barton, '91 BA, '93 Ed, has started a two-year contract with CIDA as a civil society governance fund coordinator at the Canadian Cooperation Offices in Phnom Penh, Cambodia—which means plans to move back to Canada are delayed. "Hopefully I'll get to see some of my old University friends when we come for a holiday in the summer of 2002." Michael can be reached at bartonmike@hotmail.com.

Michael Zwiers, MEd, '89 BEd, of Kitchener, Ontario, and **Patrick Morrisette**, '96 PhD, of Billings, Montana, have published *Effective Interviewing of Children*: A

Comprehensive Guide for Counsellors and Human Services Workers (Philadelphia PA, Accelerated Development).

'94 Gordon Thorlakson, LLB, '91 BA, became a partner in the Edmonton law firm Miller Thomson LLP in May.

Doris Kwok (Leung), PhD, is working at Praxair in Indianapolis, Indiana. Doris and **Wellington Kwok**, '93 PhD, had their first daughter, Lindsay Elizabeth, in January 2001. She asks friends to contact her at kwok@in.net.

Atma Persad, BSc(PT), completed his MD from UBC last May and is doing a rotating internship at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver. In July, he started his residency in psychiatry. "Most importantly I got married last May to Karen." She is a first-year resident in family medicine.

'95 Roland Kee, BSc(MedLabSci), returned to Singapore in 1996 and worked in a clinical lab for a while before moving to the computing side of things. Roland now works at a hospital



Jennifer Wood, '90 BSc(Ag), of Edmonton, was the recipient of this year's prestigious Canada's Top 40 Under 40 Award. Jennifer owns and operates the Wood Groups of Companies, which includes the Edmonton Stockyard Inc., one of Canada's largest stockyards.

supporting the TechniData Laboratory Information system and others. He met his wife in a lab and married her in 1999. "We visited the U of A Hospital Blood Bank on our honeymoon in Edmonton!"

'96 Shauna Gibbons, BA, and **Petros Efstathiou**, '95 BA(CdnSt), of Edmonton, were married in September 1999.

Christina Kitsco, BSc, finished three years in the JET Program (teaching in

Kochi, Japan), and then taught English in Taiwan. She has now moved to Hawaii to pursue her law degree at the U of Hawaii.

Rubina Manji, BCom, is a marketing research analyst with the head office of Southam/CanWest in Toronto.

Kai-Yi Lam, BSc, was back in Canada this summer—she married Mickey Wong on 20 June in Victoria. Kai-Yi is working for Merk, Sharp and Dohme (Asia) Ltd. in Hong Kong.



off the beaten path

While working on his second novel, the recently released *Salamander*, **Thomas Wharton**, '91 BA, '93 MA, discovered that his love for research does have limits.

"Fiddling around to get in the mood for the book I wrote under candlelight with quill pen," says the Grande Prairie-born author whose historical novel is set in 18th-century Europe. "It was slow, very slow, and was an experiment that didn't last very long, even though it was well worth the exercise," he says.

Not to mention, it was a great way for Wharton to get into the heads of his characters, especially the protagonist, printer Nicolas Flood, a hyper-talented English typemaster lured to a surreal clockwork castle of Slovakian Count Ostrov to design and build the eccentric nobleman a physically infinite book.

"It gave me appreciation for modern technology and showed me how that way of writing gave you more time to gather your thoughts," says the author of the critically acclaimed debut novel *Iciefields*, a 1995 historical work set in the mountains of turn-of-the-last-century southern Alberta. "It had merits that's for sure."

Also enlightening and further grist for the continentally-inclined bibliophile's creative mill (albeit too late to influence the imaginary Europe in *Salamander*) were two trips to France he undertook earlier this year.

The first, and longer of the two trips, was in March, a trip set up by "a professor of Canadian studies at the University of Toulouse."

"It was a wonderful eye-opening experience, and I was following in the footsteps of other writers who had gone before," he says,

mentioning in particular, **Rudy Wiebe**, '56 BA, '60 MA, one of his U of A writing professors, alongside Kristjana Gunnars and Sara Stambaugh. "I had no idea there was so much interest in Canadian writing—there are something like 17 Canadian studies departments in France," he adds.

Wharton travelled from university to university while in France, reading from his deeply witty, highly referential work and trying to "give them some kind of sense of who I was and where I came from."

"I also read to them from [the then-as-yet-unreleased] *Salamander* explaining to these European students



To get in the mood for his latest book Wharton wrote by candlelight.

that the new book was about my dream idea of Europe—the Europe I grew up reading about," says Wharton, who is enjoying a short break before he's launched on a comprehensive fall/winter American publicity tour.

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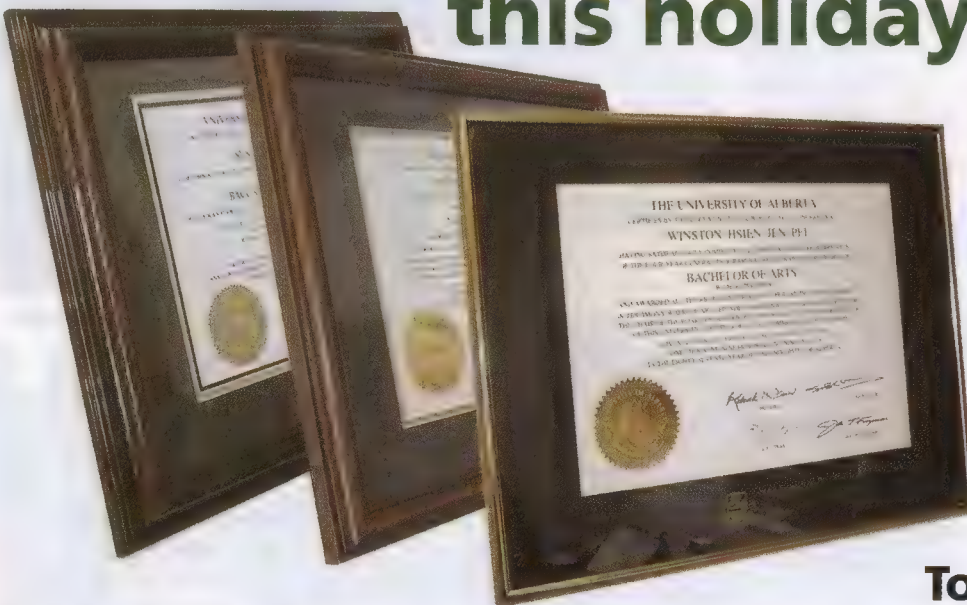
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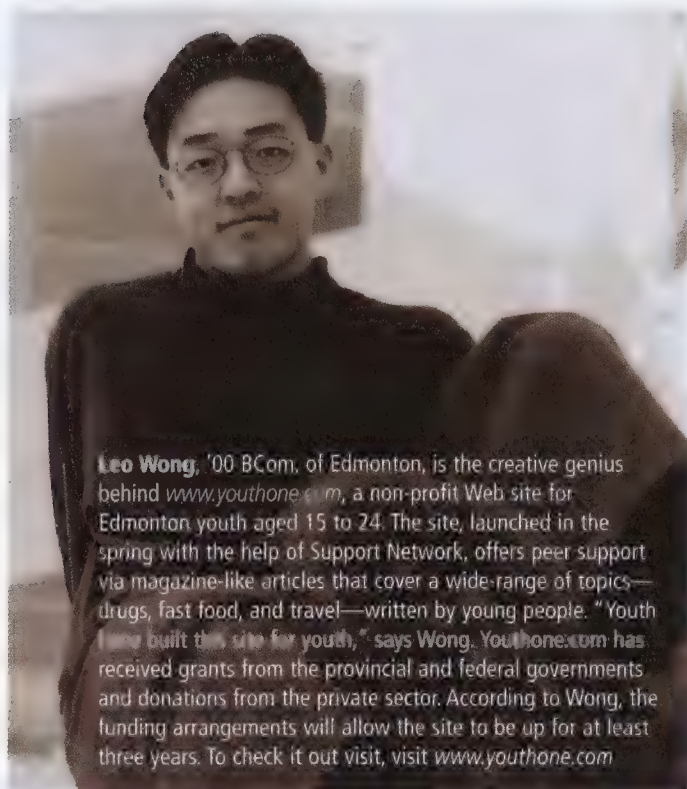


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Leo Wong, '00 BCom, of Edmonton, is the creative genius behind www.youthone.com, a non-profit Web site for Edmonton youth aged 15 to 24. The site, launched in the spring with the help of Support Network, offers peer support via magazine-like articles that cover a wide-range of topics—drugs, fast food, and travel—written by young people. "Youth have built this site for youth," says Wong. Youthone.com has received grants from the provincial and federal governments and donations from the private sector. According to Wong, the funding arrangements will allow the site to be up for at least three years. To check it out visit, visit www.youthone.com

Rubina Manji, BCom, is a marketing research analyst with the head office of Southam/CanWest in Toronto.

Kelvin Tan, BSc(Eng), writes "Greetings to everyone ... especially those from Geers Class of 1997." Kelvin moved back to Singapore shortly after graduation to help Compaq ASEAN with their Enterprise Storage Business, and this year he's helping Hewlett Packard with some of their services—still in Singapore. Cindy, "my better half," finished her degree in pharmacy and is joining Kelvin. "Home cooking finally."

Kimberly Palmer, BA, completed her Doctor of Chiropractic degree, moved to the Seattle area, and bought a house—all in the past year. When she is not at her clinic, she reports that she is training for her seventh marathon.

Steven Tanaka, BSc(Eng), of Edmonton, is a helicopter pilot for Western Aerial Applications. He writes he has a "wonderful and supportive wife" and a "delightful, yet demanding daughter."

Ross Undershute, BEd, of Sherwood Park, Alberta, is now the chief operating officer at DC Diagnosticare. Ross has been with the company since 1998 and was formerly involved with financial operations.

'97 Omar Rehman, BCom, spent a year in Bermuda with Arthur Anderson, and has now transferred with the same company to London, England.

Peter Jancewicz, DMus, of Calgary, had an article, "Teaching Students to Play Legato and Staccato Phrases," published in the May/June issue of *Clavier*.

'98 Kerri Bentsen (DeVers), BSc, and her husband, **Cameron Bentsen** '92 BSc, '98 Cert(Sc), are living in Ottawa. They had an exciting month in February, celebrating the birth of their first child, Elena, and their fifth wedding anniversary. The couple can be reached at bentsen@home.com.

'99 Madelaine Calliou, BEd, is living in Texas and studying to get a master's degree (her second) in school psychology. She has accepted a position as a behaviour specialist and starts in the fall.

Joann Marini (Duspara), BSc(Pharm), of Ancaster, Ontario, and her husband, Mark, had a baby boy in August 2000. "If you thought pharmacy was tough, just try parenthood!" She says parenting is the most challenging yet most rewarding experience she has ever had.

Simon Kiss, BA, of Edmonton, started with the Alberta New

Democrat caucus right at the end of his degree as their communications officer. "I'm still there having survived the 2001 election." He enjoys being a professional political staffer and hopes to remain in the public relations profession for a while. "At some point I'll go back to do a master's."

Gordon Peters, BSc, was previously employed at Smart Technologies Ltd. of Calgary, and he now works in Toronto.

Felipe Quiroz-Borrero, LLB, '95 BA, was called to the Ontario Bar in February and recently joined the Ottawa firm Bell, Unger, Morris as an associate. Felipe will practice in the area of immigration law.

'00 Julie Arie (Harris), MLIS, married Chad in April 2000 while completing her MLIS. She was part of the first group of academic library interns at the U of A before she launched her career working at the Saskatchewan Provincial Library in Regina, where she is an information resources management specialist.

Milana Levin, DDS, '98 BSc, of Edmonton, practises dentistry at the Mayfield Common Mall Dental Clinic.

John Chan, BEd, '86 MSc, '78 BSc, has finished his first year of teaching. He has been in Northern Saskatchewan and will be transferring to Lloydminster for the next school year. "It has been an exciting and great learning experience getting to know the habits and traditions of the Metis people."

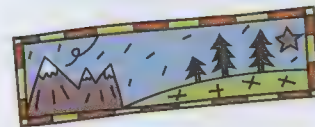
'01 Kevin Brosseau, LLB, '88 BA, served with the RCMP in B.C. and the Yukon for 10 years after getting his arts degree. He returned to the U of A to pursue a law degree and is currently articling at the Edmonton firm Brosseau & Associated.

Kaladhar Voruganti, PhD, '94 MSc, '89 BSc, works in San Jose, California, at IBM Almaden Research as a research staff member.

CORRECTION

Robert Wojtas, '95 BSc(Pharm), '91 BSc, wanted to let classmates know that he is still living in Edmonton. In the last issue of *New Trail*, his class note indicated that he was working at the Sprague Drug in Petrolia, which he does, but it is not located in Ontario, but rather in the Petrolia district of Edmonton.

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IN MEMORIAM

The Alumni Association notes with sorrow the passing of the following graduates:

'22 Dorothy Frances Boyce (Whiteman), BSc(Pharm), of Banff, Alberta, in May '01

'31 Margaret Lang O'Byrne (Lange), BSc(HEC), of Gloucester, Ontario, in April '01

Evelyn Anne Coulson, BSc(HEC), of Victoria, in August '01

'32 Reuben Edward Jespersen, BA, '35 MD, of Edmonton, in July '01

'33 William Harold Epstein, BA, '35 LLB, '84 LLD (Honorary), of New York, in February '01

'34 Mona Elizabeth Smith, BSc(HEC), of Edmonton, in May '01

John Abel Burke, BSc(Eng), '37 BSc(Eng), of Knowlton, Quebec, in April '01

James Addison McCoubrey, BSc, of North York, Ontario, in June '01

Shirley N. Warrener, BA, of Thornhill, Ontario, in September '00

Mackenzie Lawrence Keith, BSc(Eng), of State College, Pennsylvania, in November '00

'35 Lilian Emily M. Leversedge, BA, of Victoria, in May '01

Marion Evelyn McAskile, BA, of Calgary, in May '01

George Joshua Hawkes, BSc(Eng), of North Bay, Ontario, in August '00

'36 Doris Helene Lamotte, Dip(Nu), of Pescadero, California, in June '01

Bruce Cavanagh Whittaker, LLB, of Edmonton, in July '01

'37 Abraham Olfman, DDS, of Vancouver, in December '00

Mary Elizabeth Harvey, Dip(Pharm), of Coquitlam, B.C., in December '00

Stanley Norman Naldrett, BSc, '38 MSc, of Kingston, Ontario, in July '01

Dorothy Vera Shaw (Boucher), BA, of Comox, B.C., in March '01

'38 Duncan Carlyle Campbell, BCom, of Etobicoke, Ontario, in June '01

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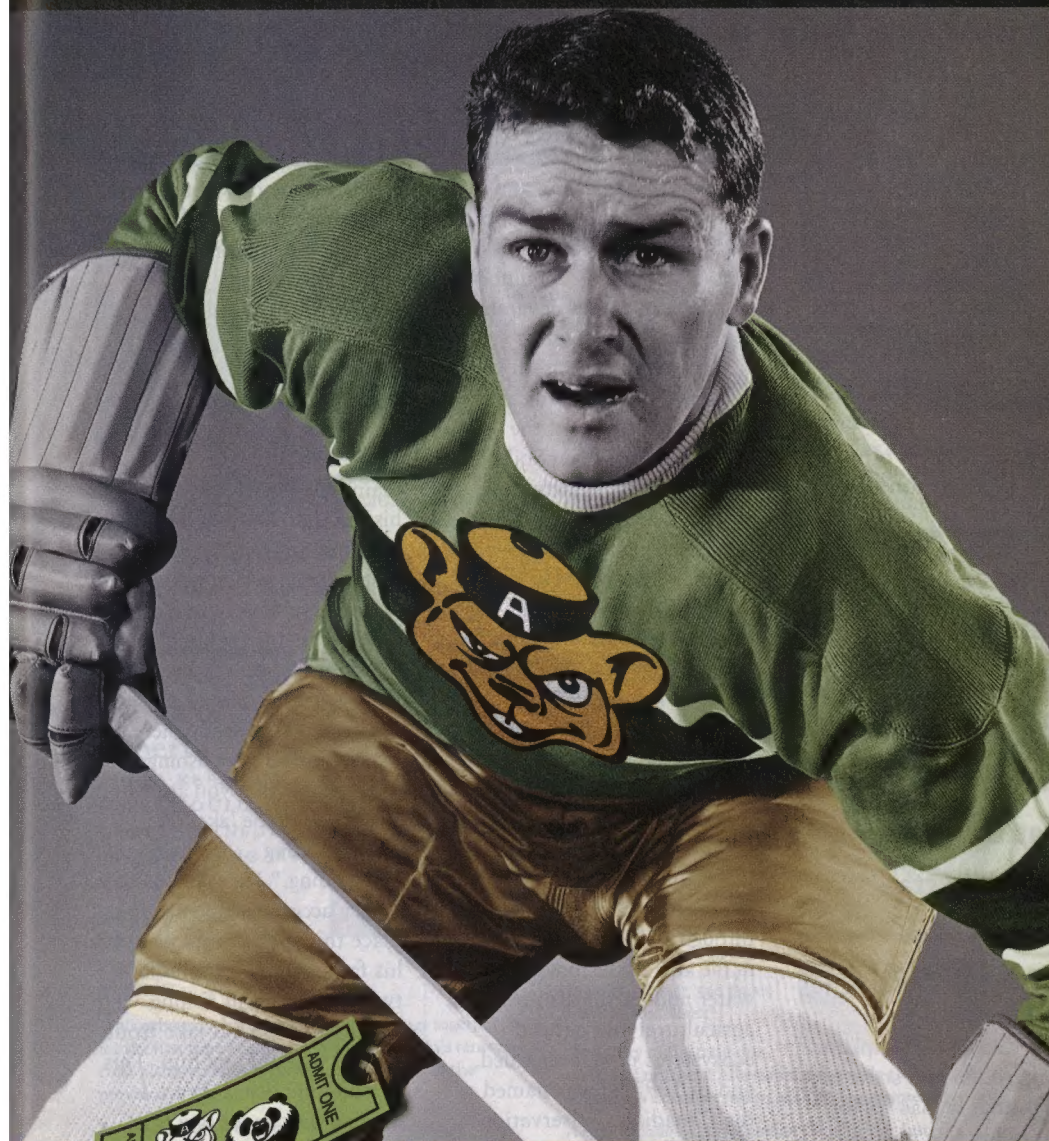
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Sat Oct 27, 01	1:30	UBC *

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Sun Sep 23, 01	12:00	2:00	Trinity Western
Sat Oct 06, 01	12:00		Regina
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ABOUT

GARY KACHANOSKI

Favourite ways to unwind:

Spending time with his family, fishing, or reading the newspaper and drinking coffee in the morning.

Favourite time of day:

Mornings. "I'm an early-riser, even on the weekends."

Favourite sport:

Fishing. "I'm an avid fisherman."

Other sports interests:

Enjoys playing both hockey or golf.

For someone who's just moved into a new office on campus, Gary Kachanoski fits into his new surroundings quite comfortably.

On this mid-August day, the new vice-president (research) is busily typing away on his keyboard, hurrying to wrap things up. Finishing his work on the computer, he briskly walks out of his office to grab a coffee before continuing on with the morning. "I'm addicted," he says with a hearty laugh that lights up University Hall.

Settled back in his office with file folders scattered on

"I have a strong researcher's perspective, and I intend to bring that frame of reference to my new role at the University of Alberta."

his desk—a telltale sign that he's still in a moving-in phase—Kachanoski explains his background and some of the goals that he has set for himself in his new position.

"I have a strong researcher's perspective, and I intend to bring that frame of reference to my new role at the University of Alberta," says the former dean of the College of Graduate Studies and Research at the University of Saskatchewan. One way he plans to do this is by setting up a series of meetings with faculty members from various departments. "I want to listen to them. Find out what their goals and aspirations are in respect to research, what they want to accomplish in the near future, and what role they think my

office can play in helping them do this," he says.

Kachanoski also wants to strengthen the public's understanding of the connection that exists between research and teaching at the U of A. "The linkage between students and teaching and research is critical for us to maintain," says Kachanoski, who is developing a number of communication programs to get this message out.

Kachanoski, who is an accomplished academic and the past president of the Canadian Society of Soil Science, intends to continue to conduct his own research while serving as the vice-president (research). He still has an NSERC grant, which was renewed this year. "With a big increase," he says, smiling. His specialty is soil physics. Already anticipating the next question, Kachanoski explains that this is the study of soil physical properties and processes, including the movement of water and chemicals through the environment, mainly through soil. Kachanoski's work in the area of the movement of water and chemicals through agricultural and natural ecosystems is well regarded, and in 1997 he was named to the Canadian Conservation Hall of Fame.

While Kachanoski is talking about his research and his former role at the University of Saskatchewan it becomes evident that he is a strong supporter of students. "Working with students is great," he says. It's an involvement he plans to maintain. He will continue to supervise three of his graduate students who are finishing up their research at the University of Saskatchewan.

Family matters

Moving to Edmonton was a family affair, and the second big move that his family has

experienced. The last one was in 1996 when they moved from Guelph, Ontario, where Kachanoski was the Chair of Land Resource Science at the University of Guelph, to Saskatoon.

Kachanoski has three children, one of whom—his daughter who is enrolled in arts—will be joining him on campus in the fall. It is obvious that Kachanoski's family is extremely important to him. "They are amazingly supportive," he says. And Kachanoski says spending time with them is one way he maintains a healthy balance in his life. Another way is by spending time at the family's rustic cabin, which is located in northern Saskatchewan and only accessible by boat. "I go up there with my father and family. It's my sort of place to get away." And while there, he makes sure he goes fishing. "The people that you are with, being out on the lake, the natural setting ... it's just outstanding." He says one of his big accomplishments took place this spring when he took his father to the cabin and the two of them went fishing. "He caught a 40-pound lake trout when I was guiding him. This is a lifetime fish. I mean, I have never caught one that big—doubt I ever will—so this was fantastic."

The interview is wrapping up, and Kachanoski pauses to take a sip of his coffee, which looks like it needs a refill. But before he heads to the coffee pot and then the next item on his agenda, Kachanoski makes it quite clear that he is happy to be in Edmonton and working at the University. He is, he says, eager to tackle his demanding schedule and to work hard to help guide the U of A on its path to be one of the world's best universities.

And now it's time for a refill. ■



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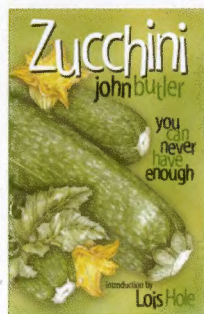
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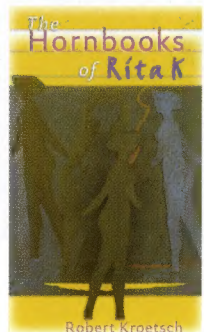
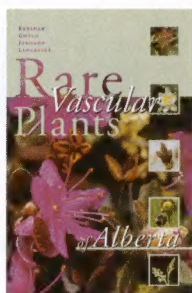
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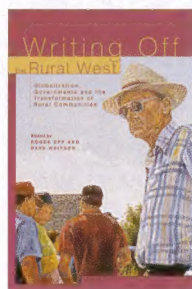
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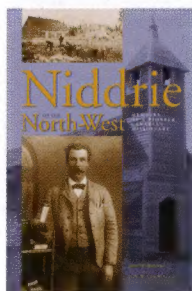
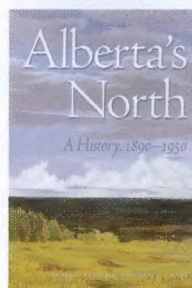
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